

**STATE OF NEVADA  
BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS**

**Commission Policy Number 60**

Number: **P-60**  
Title: Water Application Guidelines  
Reference: NRS 501.105, 503.584,  
503.589  
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**PURPOSE**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners shall establish policies necessary for the preservation, protection, management and restoration of wildlife and its habitat and shall utilize its ~~land management~~ authority to carry out a program for conserving, protecting and propagating ~~selected species of~~ native fish, wildlife and other vertebrates and their habitats ~~which are threatened with extinction and destruction~~.

**POLICY**

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners does hereby establish the following policy to provide for the preservation, protection, management and restoration of wildlife and its habitat:

1. The Director, Department of Wildlife, to the maximum extent practical, shall review water applications submitted to the State Engineer for the appropriation of waters to determine the impact ~~on~~ wildlife and its habitat.
2. If it is determined by the Director that granting the application would threaten or cause ~~significant impacts to drastic modification or severe curtailment of~~ wildlife ~~and its~~ and habitat resources, the Director shall, within 30 days from the date of last publication of notice of applications, file with the State Engineer a written protest against granting the application, setting forth with reasonable certainty the grounds of such protest.
3. The Director shall advise the State Engineer and the applicant that such protest will be withdrawn if, in his opinion, adequate safeguards are provided for wildlife and its habitat.

The Board of Wildlife Commissioners recognizes the economic value and benefits of ~~long established~~ long-established agricultural development resulting, in part, from the use of drilled wells and free-flowing artesian wells. -The Board will endorse legislation to control the drilling and pumping of new wells that cause detrimental effects on wildlife

and habitat resources. ~~existing wells and free-flowing springs that provide agricultural and wildlife benefits.~~

This policy shall remain in effect until amended, repealed, or superseded by the Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF WILDLIFE COMMISSIONERS IN REGULAR SESSION, DECEMBER 2, 1995.

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B. Mahlon Brown, Chairman  
Board of Wildlife Commissioners