



NRAE COMMITTEE MATERIALS | OCTOBER 16, 2024

RE: WATER REPORTING – INTENT LANGUAGE

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee (Committee) requests that the Division of Water Resources (Division) monitor statewide legislative water optimization efforts, report the Division's findings to the Committee, and make the Division's findings available to the public on a website. The Division should report the findings annually by no later than the November interim of the Committee and until the money for a statewide legislative water optimization is fully expended.

The Division should be prepared to:

- summarize each statewide legislative water optimization effort
- quantify water made available through each statewide legislative water optimization effort for the purposes identified in the statewide legislative water optimization effort
- estimate where the water made available went, including an explanation if and why an amount of additional water cannot be reported
- recommend changes to the statewide legislative water optimization effort if a statewide legislative water optimization effort did not result in water being made available for the purposes identified.

For purpose of the reporting, "statewide legislative water optimization effort" means the following as it affects the waters of the state: the agricultural water optimization program, the grant program funding the installation of secondary water meters, and the landscape incentive program. In complying with this request, the Division is encouraged to coordinate with the Division of Water Rights, the Colorado River Authority of Utah, the Department of Agriculture and Food, and the Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner. Also, the Division should examine the efforts statewide, including the Great Salt Lake basin, the Colorado River basin, and the Sevier River basin.