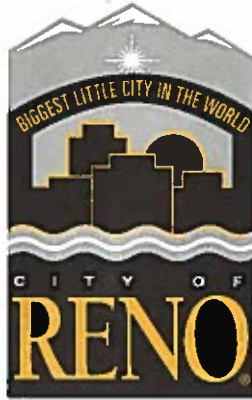


Andrew K. Clinger
City Manager



August 18, 2015

Director Leo Drozdoff
Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
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Carson City, NV 89701

RE: City of Reno Formal Participation in the Nevada Drought Forum

Director Drozdoff,

Please find this letter as a formal request from the Reno City Council that Nevada cities, such as the City of Reno, have a formal place at the table as part of the Nevada Drought Forum. This request comes from a unanimous vote of the Reno City Council taken at the August 12, 2015 City Council meeting.

As you are likely aware, cities have a significant role in water conservation and drought management. At the local level, we create policy initiatives and enforcement focused on saving water, both at publicly-owned facilities and on private property through our regulatory role. This list includes development approvals, building and plumbing codes, landscape and tree ordinances, declaring local drought conditions, and the like. We also have an important role in educating the public and publicizing drought and water conservation efforts.

In order to both share information with and learn best practices from fellow municipalities, and other agencies and interests, we would like to see formal participation from these entities at future Nevada Drought Forum meetings.

The City of Reno is taking a leadership role in our region regarding water conservation both in response to the existing drought conditions and to effectively create sustainability as we are faced with unprecedented growth in the next five years. By creating a formal place at the table for Nevada's cities, there would be better representation and engagement from our municipalities on this important issue requiring collaboration. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Clinger".

Andrew Clinger
City Manager