California-Nevada Drought Early Warning System Partners Meeting

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State of Nevada Update
2019 Legislative Recap

- New Water Planning and Drought Resiliency Program
  - 3 new positions: Manager and two staff
  - Science communication, outreach, public awareness
  - Combined with existing Floodplain and Water Use programs

- Funding for NDWR website update

- Senate Bill 140 - 10% Water Reserve
  - Reserves 10% of all uncommitted groundwater in any basin that is not fully appropriated.

- Senate Bill 150 – Water Plans
  - Requires planning commissions to develop and maintain a water resource plan.

- Assembly Bill 264 – Tribal Collaboration
  - Statewide directive for better consultation with Tribes on policy decisions.
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Thank you!

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