Susan:
Attached is a suggestion for Section 4 of SB 81. If you think this might work, I will fix it up and bring it tomorrow.
As to Section 3, I have a couple of thoughts. First, rather than saying "consumptive use of groundwater," you might consider "consumption." I am not familiar with everything you are dealing with, but there may be a basin where there is 100% consumption not because the use consumes all of the water, but because there is a sewage treatment plant that does not return effluent to the basin where the water is coming from.
As to Section 3 (1) (b), there needs to be clarification as to the meaning of "where the majority of the groundwater rights lie." Is it majority in quantity (acre feet), or permit and certificate holders? Do water rights "lie" where their point of diversion is located, or at their place of use? This comes up in Section 8 also.
I have not yet had a chance to look at SB 65, but will do so as soon as I am able.
Thanks for your hard work,
Gordon
SEC. 4.

In a basin or portion therein designated as an active management area pursuant to Section 3 of this act, a groundwater management plan may include provisions which:

(1) Limit the quantity of water that may be withdrawn under any permit or certificate;

(2) Impose or authorize conservation practices that might otherwise result in cancellation or forfeiture of the water right pursuant to N.R.S. 533.390, 533.395, 533.410 and 534.090;

(3) Limit the number of extensions of time for the filing of proofs of completion of construction of work and application of water to beneficial use that may be approved pursuant to N.R.S. 533.380;

(4) Require the filing of proofs of beneficial use pursuant to N.R.S. 533.400;

(5) Assess fees, which may not exceed $______ per acre foot of water permitted for use each year, to establish a fund to retire water rights;

(6) Allow for the voluntary relinquishment of the source of a portion of a groundwater right in exchange for exemption of the unrelinquished portion from provisions requiring the filing and approval of extensions of time to avoid cancellation and forfeiture;

(7) Limit changes in points of diversion and place of use of water rights; and

(8) Include other actions reasonably related to removal of the designation of the basin or a portion thereof as an active management area.