

Drought Relief for Stock Water

During its 77th session in 2013, the Nevada Legislature passed new provisions in Nevada Water Law allowing for **emergency drilling of stock water wells for drought relief**. Under Nevada Revised Statute § 533.504 a person may apply for a temporary permit for one year to appropriate groundwater to water livestock if the location of the well is within a county under declaration of drought or in a county contiguous to a county under such a declaration, by the: a) Governor; b) United States Secretary of Agriculture; or c) President of the United States. Information on how to apply for such a temporary permit may be obtained by contacting the Nevada Division of Water Resources at (775) 684-2800. The form for making application may be obtained from the Division website at water.nv.gov or by clicking [here](#).