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 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.