

**NRS 244A.497 Technical advisory committee.**

1. In each county there shall be appointed a technical advisory committee to be designated as the county sewage and wastewater advisory committee.

2. The advisory committee consists of two members appointed by the board, three members appointed by the governing body of the most populous city in the county, two members appointed by the governing body of the second most populous city in the county, one member appointed by the governing body of each other city in the county, and one member appointed by the governing body of each water district, sanitation district or water and sanitation district in the county having within its boundaries a population of 5,000 or more.

3. Each appointee shall be an employee of the municipality or district whose governing body is required to make the appointment and shall at the time of that employment be actively engaged in the operation or management of sewer or water facilities within the municipality or district, except the county prior to its operation of facilities.

4. Each appointee shall serve without additional compensation or fidelity bond for his duties as a member of the advisory committee and remains a member until death or resignation or his termination as a member, with or without cause, by the governing body of the appointing municipality or district and its appointment of his successor. The governing body of an appointing municipality or district shall in any case terminate the membership on the advisory committee of any of its appointed members within a reasonable time after any member ceases to be employed by the municipality or district in sewer or water work and shall appoint a successor with the required qualifications.

5. The committee shall elect such officers from within its membership, fix such time and place of meetings, adopt such rules of procedure and keep such records all as in its sole discretion it shall determine to be consistent with the purposes of NRS 244A.455 to 244A.573, inclusive.

6. No member of the advisory committee may be interested in any contract or transaction with the county under consideration by the advisory committee except in his official representative capacity or in his capacity as a public officer or employee.

7. The advisory committee shall proceed immediately upon appointment and at all times thereafter diligently to inform itself as to all laws, matters and things which may be of significance in maintaining the quality of collection, disposal and treatment of sewage and wastewater in the county and the consequent purity of water within the county. The advisory committee shall also advise the board of conditions which in the judgment of the advisory committee require action by the board, and make recommendations in regard thereto.

8. It is the intent of NRS 244A.455 to 244A.573, inclusive, that the existence and activities of the advisory committee in no way diminish the responsibility of the board or the officers of the county in fulfilling the legislative declaration expressed in NRS 244A.459 and in performing its duties as the master agency of the county in these matters.

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