

Assembly Bill 494 Consolidation Report

April 7, 2010

Ted J. Olivas
Director of Administrative Services

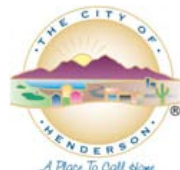


AB 494

Collaborative Report

Since January 2010, staff from the cities of Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas, Mesquite, North Las Vegas, and Clark County have been meeting to discuss this report.

- City of Boulder City - Brok Armantrout
- City of Henderson - Terri Barber
- City of Las Vegas - Liane Lee
- City of Mesquite - Randy Robinson
- City of North Las Vegas - Karen Storms
- Clark County - Constance Brooks



AB 494

Consolidation

- **Passed during the 2009 Legislative Session**
 - Requires the Board of County Commissioners of Clark County and Washoe County and the governing body of each city in those counties to submit a report on consolidation efforts to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau
 - The functions of public safety, public works, and general government are to be addressed in the report
 - Report Due: September 1, 2010



AB 494

Specific Information Requested

1. Identify aspects of those functions that are currently consolidated
2. Identify aspects of those functions that have been or are being considered for consolidation or reorganization
3. Identify aspects of those functions that are not consolidated and whether those aspects may be appropriate for consolidation or reorganization in the future



AB 494

Specific Information Requested

4. Analyze and make recommendations regarding the consolidation or reorganization of one or more aspects of those functions
5. Provide estimates of the costs of consolidation or reorganization of those functions
6. Analyze the benefits of the creation of a permanent committee to discuss future efforts at consolidation or reorganization of those functions



AB 494

Proposed Report Outline

I. Executive Summary

- Brief synopsis of what readers will expect in the report

II. Introduction

- Defining "Consolidation"
- Continue doing what we do best, but better
 - Efficiency
 - Customer Friendly
 - Cost Effective



AB 494

Proposed Report Outline (Cont'd)

III. Summary of Southern Nevada Consolidation / Cooperative Efforts

- Air Quality
- Clark County Desert Conservation Program
- Clark County Library District
- Clark County Regional Flood Control District
- Clean Water Coalition
- Southern Nevada Regional Housing Authority
- Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
- Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan
- Regional Transportation Commission
- Southern Nevada Regional Planning Coalition
- Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Interlocal and Cooperative Agreements
- Cooperative Purchasing Efforts



AB 494

Proposed Report Outline (Cont'd)

IV. Public Safety, Public Works, and General Government *(subsections 2 & 3)*

- An analysis of those functions will be provided

V. Analysis and recommendations regarding the consolidation of one or more aspects of public safety, public works and general government *(subsections 4 & 5)*

- Feasibility Studies:
 - Animal Control
 - Business Licensing
 - IT- Shared Infrastructure
 - Parks/Recreation/Cultural Programming
 - Production Functions of TV Stations
 - Purchasing



Animal Control

Current Partnerships:

- Regional Emergency Mobile Shelter – Cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Mesquite and Boulder City Participating
- Lied Animal Shelter- Cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Clark County

Things to Consider:

- Align Ordinances
- Regional Dispatch Center
- Regional Hearings Master

SNRPC Direction:

- Similar ordinances
- Update the titles
- More restrictive sales on animals



Business Licensing

Representatives from the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Clark County have met to discuss the direction, benefits, and challenges of business licensing consolidation / reorganization

Things To Consider:

- Research the successes of other business licenses consolidation efforts throughout the United States through the National Bureau of Business Licensing Officials
- Uniform general licensing: “No Wrong Door” for accepting applications
- Reciprocity of background checks
- Conducting an analysis of each jurisdiction’s existing codes and fees

SNRPC Direction:

- Work Cards



IT- Shared Infrastructure

I.T. entities are already sharing: GIS, MyNevada Portal, 911 Call Center, Master Hardware / Software Pricing, Chameleon (Animal Foundation), and Teleconferencing

Things to Consider:

- 311 Community Citizen Relationship Management
- Assistance to all entities leveraging available capacities
- Provisioning Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery
- Statewide Digital archival and e-records
- Shared Computing Infrastructure & platforms across entities
- Network Bandwidth/Wireless sharing
- Government/Private Cloud Computing Opportunities

SNRPC Direction:

- "mynevada.gov" - How can this be utilized better?
- How is it marketed?



Parks / Recreational / Cultural Programming

Current Partnerships:

- Regional Trail Coordination
- Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act

SNRPC Direction:

- Joint events i.e. 4th of July celebrations
- Valley-wide calendaring of cultural programs - a more regional approach to programming
- Common portal for marketing and calendaring events - i.e. "mynevada.gov"
- Place for mynevada.gov
- Consideration of shared recreation center programming and financing
- Fees - any possibilities with common fees?
- Partnering with LVCVA
- Shared maintenance for parks
- Shared recycling efforts - i.e. mulch
 - Use the newly created joint recycling committee



Production and Functions of TV Stations

Things to Consider:

- Investigate Merging Operations of City Channel 2, County Channel 4, and Boulder City Channel 2
- Individual Channel Placement to be Retained
- All Channels to Operate from Central Facility
- Initial Exploratory Meeting March 19

SNRPC Direction:

- Develop offensive strategy for if Cox tries to "bump" our station to maintain channel placement
- Examine franchise agreements and possibility of adding Direct TV and Satellite
- Identify statutory impediments (BDR's to address inequities between Cox and satellite have made little progress)
- What are the limitations with federal broadband?
- Investigate shared programming for the regional board



Purchasing

Things to Consider:

- Cooperative bidding among local governments
 - Combines volumes of multiple agencies
 - Achieves volume-based pricing reductions
 - Eliminates redundancy of bidding
- Standardization of generic goods and services
 - Increases opportunity for cooperative bids
 - Reduces total cost
- Continue to join contracts awarded by other governments (when merited)
 - Eliminates redundancy in bidding/manages resources

SNRPC Direction:

- Contracts - examine bidding processes and ways we can work together better
- Include newer products, LED's, newly manufactured products, renewable and local vendors



General Direction from SNRPC

- **SNRPC will serve as permanent consolidation / reorganization committee or "Efficiency Clearinghouse" and will meet periodically to discuss and coordinate future efforts** *(subsection 6)*
- **Define consolidation:**
 - Cost Effective
 - Standardization of services
 - Integrating processes
 - Increasing efficiency



General Direction from SNRPC (Cont'd)

- **Examine implementation, revenue and policy impacts for all jurisdictions on consolidation / reorganization feasibility studies**
- **Longer term goals in code enforcement:**
 - Examine uniformity
 - Hearing Masters – how can they be more efficient and reach an end result that is more customer friendly



AB 494

Proposed Timeline

- **April:** Present to BCC and City Councils
- **June 1st:** Final Draft due to County and City Managers
- **June:** Interim draft presentation to BCC and City Councils
- **July:** Final draft due to County and City Managers
- **July 15th:** SNRPC Board presentation and approval of final report
- **August:** BCC and City Council presentation and approval of final report
- **September 1:** Report due to Legislative Council Bureau

