

Guide to the Clark County 208 Water Quality Management Plan Records

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
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Title:	Clark County 208 Water Quality Management Plan Records
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Date [inclusive]:	1960 to 1990
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Abstract:	The Clark County 208 Water Quality Management Plan Records contain reports produced by consultants and agencies for the Clark County Board of County Commissioners to create the Clark County, Nevada 208 Water Quality Management Plan (1960-1990). The collection also includes amendments and studies about the implementation of the plan.

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

The Clark County 208 Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) was created in accordance with Section 208 of the Federal Water Pollution Act Amendment of 1972.

The WQMP aimed to establish a systematic areawide wastewater management planning process for Clark County, Nevada. The Water Pollution Control Act of 1965 required areawide quality management plans and provided federal grants for pollution abatement projects. As a result, projects and studies related to water quality in Clark County were performed throughout the next decade. Governor Paul Laxalt tasked the Colorado River Commission in October 1970 to find a solution to the pollution abatement problem found in the Las Vegas Bay and Lake Mead. In December 1971, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified the Clark County Sanitation District and the City of Las Vegas that continued discharge of waste into the Las Vegas watershed would constitute as a violation of the established state and federal water

quality standards; the Clark County Board of County Commissioners responded by expediting the study and treatment of wastewater.

The board prepared a grant application for the WQMP in March 1975. In May 1975, Nevada Governor Mike O'Callaghan designated the planning management agency, and the EPA approved the designation in June 1975.

As of 2019, the Clark County Board of County Commissioners continues to update the WQMP every five to ten years, depending on the need for major changes needed to accommodate new legislation or events in relation to water quality and wastewater.

Sources:

Clark County 208 Water Quality Management Plan Papers, 1960-1990. MS-00985. Special Collections and Archives, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

"Clark County Water Quality Program: Business Plan." Clark County Water Quality Planning Division. July 2013. Accessed October 18, 2019. <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/water-quality/Documents/Clark-County-Water-Quality-Program-Business-Plan-July-2013-Without-Appendices.pdf>

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged chronologically.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Acquisition Note

Materials were periodically collected by the University Libraries Special Collections and Archives; accession number 2019-116.

Processing Note

In 2019, as part of an archival backlog elimination project, Jimmy Chang rehoused and arranged the materials, wrote the finding aid and entered the data into ArchivesSpace.

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Names and Subjects

- Environmental policy
- Pollution
- Water resources development -- Nevada

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
<i>Water: Our Buried Treasure, the Story of Water Conservation in the Santa Clara Valley</i> by the Santa Clara County School Department and the Santa Clara Valley Water Conservation District, 1960	box 01
<i>Water for Nevada: Special Planning Report Summary, Water Supply for the Future in Southern Nevada</i> by the Montgomery Engineers of Nevada, 1970 December 31	box 01
<i>Methods and Practices for Controlling Water Pollution from Agricultural Nonpoint Sources</i> by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1973 October	box 01

<i>Management Agencies Handbook for Section 208 Areawide Waste Treatment Management by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1975</i> September	box 01
Correspondence and memorandums containing summaries, fact sheets, reports, illustrations, and program packets detailing the implementation of pollution-related legislation across the United States, 1976 to 1979 Physical Description: 2 Files	box 01
Correspondence from the National Association of Conservation Districts detailing state laws containing provisions relating to the control of erosion and sediment, 1976 June 01	box 01
<i>Waste Disposal Practices and their Effects on Ground Water: Executive Summary</i> by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1976 November	box 01
<i>Nonpoint Source Control Guidance Silviculture</i> by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1977 March	box 01
<i>Experiences with the 208 Planning Process in New Mexico</i> by the New Mexico Department of State Forestry, 1977 April 19 to 1977 April 21	box 01
<i>Water Resource Information Series Report 27: Water-Level Changes Associated with Ground-Water Development in Las Vegas Valley, Nevada, March 1976 to March 1977</i> by the State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division of Water Resources and the Geological Survey, United States Department of the Interior, 1977	box 01
"Chronology of Major 208 Events Impacting the Las Vegas Wash", 1988 January 20	box 01
<i>Lake at Las Vegas Project: Water Quality Management Plan</i> by James M. Montgomery, Consulting Engineers, Inc., 1988 March 03	box 01
<i>City of Henderson Lake at Las Vegas Project: Amendment to the Revised Clark County 208 Water Quality Management Plan</i> by the Clark County Board of County Commissioners, 1988 April 05	box 01
<i>208 Water Quality Management Plan, Clark County, Nevada: Laughlin Amendment</i> by Black & Veatch Engineers-Architects, 1990 March 19	box 01
<i>Clark County and Subarea Population Projections: An Update of Estimates Prepared for Use in Clark County's 208 Water Quality Management Plan</i> by the Planning Information Corporation, 1990 April	box 01