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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: May 22, 2018

**DATE:** May 1, 2018  
**TO:** Board of County Commissioners  
**FROM:** Deanna Spikula, Registrar of Voters  
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**THROUGH:** Christine Vuletich, Assistant County Manager

**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to appoint up to 3 individuals to serve on the committees to prepare arguments advocating (persons having stated interest include Dave Aiazzi, George Robinson and Sonny Newman) or opposing (persons having stated interest include Jeffrey Church and Art O'Connor) approval of the ballot question submitted to the Board of County Commissioners, as outlined in Assembly Bill 375, by the Truckee River Flood control Project Needs Committee, pursuant to NRS 295.121. (All Commission Districts)

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### SUMMARY

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### PREVIOUS ACTION

No previous action has been taken on this item.

### BACKGROUND

The Truckee River Flood Control Project Needs Committee adopted and submitted its recommendation, resolution R18-031, to the Board of County Commissioners on March 29, 2018, concerning the imposition and effective date of certain taxes for river flood control financing. Pursuant to Assembly Bill 375, the Board of County Commissioners must now, at the General Election on November 6, 2018, submit a question to the voters of the county asking whether any of the taxes, fees, levies or assessments recommended should be imposed in the county.

AGENDA ITEM # \_\_\_\_\_

Per NRS 295.121, the Board of County Commissioners shall, in consultation with the Registrar of Voters, appoint two committees to prepare arguments advocating or opposing the ballot question. The office of the Registrar of Voters has established a list of persons who have expressed interest in serving on the committees and recommends the Board of County Commissioners appoint committee members from this list pursuant to NRS 295.121 (5) (a) & (b).

To form the list of names of interested members to serve on each committee, the County posted a solicitation for volunteers to serve on the ballot questions committees on the County website, posted the notice on Facebook and Twitter, media coverage, and contacted interested parties by phone, email, and in person, to find members to serve on each committee.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact related to the appointment of the arguments committees.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners appoint up to 3 individuals to serve on the committees to prepare arguments advocating (persons having stated interest include Dave Aiazzi, George Robinson and Sonny Newman) or opposing (persons having stated interest include Jeffrey Church and Art O'Connor) approval of the ballot question submitted to the Board of County Commissioners, as outlined in Assembly Bill 375, by the Truckee River Flood control Project Needs Committee, pursuant to NRS 295.121.

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board of County Commissioners agree with the recommendation, a possible motion would be “move to appoint “(insert name(s))” to serve on the committee to prepare arguments advocating, and to appoint “(insert name(s))” to serve on the committee opposing, approval of the ballot question submitted to the Board of County Commissioners, as outlined in Assembly Bill 375, by the Truckee River Flood control Project Needs Committee, pursuant to NRS 295.121.”