Remembering a miracle worker in Nevada

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When the history of the long-running battles over the Truckee River is written, the late Marcia de Braga will get much of the credit for the agreement that finally brought peace to those troubled waters.

The five-term Democratic assemblywoman from Fallon died at home on March 24. She was 72.

De Braga will be well-remembered as a legislator, a civic leader, a newspaper columnist and more, but her most important contribution to Northern Nevada may be her successful effort to bring all the interests together in 1999 to hammer out an agreement over future use of the water in the river that runs from Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake.

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