

Experts urge statewide water metering, conservation to fight Nevada drought

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CARSON CITY – A state panel Friday finalized short-term and long-range recommendations for dealing with drought, from requiring meters on all water outlets in Nevada to stepping up drought monitoring and conservation efforts.

The recommendations to be delivered to Gov. Brian Sandoval from the Nevada Drought Forum are a starting point. Much of the heavy lifting, if the governor pursues the findings, will come during the 2017 Legislature.

Sandoval created the forum in April following four years of drought and looming uncertainties over how long it will last. While forecasts call this year for a strong El Nino year – a weather phenomenon associated with wetter than usual winters, especially in the Southwest – its effect on Northern Nevada is not assured.

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