Water a key issue for Nevada Legislature

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CARSON CITY — State lawmakers got a crash course Tuesday on Nevada's complicated water laws as they prepare to consider several bills dealing with the most precious resource in the driest state in the nation.

State Engineer Jason King, whose office has proposed four bills this session, said more proposed laws are expected, including one to address Nevada's long-standing doctrine of "use-it-or-lose it."

He also tried to dispel concerns by domestic well owners that his office wants to take away domestic well rights.

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