

Nev. OKs \$5.1M legal contract for Yucca Mountain fight

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CARSON CITY – Nevada’s Board of Examiners has approved a \$5.1 million contract with an outside legal team to help fight President Trump’s proposal to restart the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas.

The panel chaired by Republican Gov. Brian Sandoval voted unanimously this week to extend the state’s contract for another two years with the Austin, Texas-based firm Egan, Fitzpatrick, Malsch & Lawrence.

Robert Halstead, the head of Nevada’s Nuclear Projects Agency, said the state lacks the expertise in dealing with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission to do the work itself.

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