

New drought report could be road map for Nevada water policy

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CARSON CITY, Nev. (AP) — A panel of water experts that spent almost a year analyzing Nevada's drought has issued recommendations that could shape Gov. Brian Sandoval's policy agenda in the coming year.

The eight-member Nevada Drought Forum included water, agriculture, climate and emergency management officials who gathered information in a series of public meetings statewide.

Forum Chairman Leo Drozdoff of Nevada's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources said some of the recommendations could be implemented quickly, while others would need significant time and resources.

The recommendations submitted in mid-December include expanding conservation efforts and strengthening enforcement, better educating lawmakers and the public about drought, and changing water law little by little.

Sandoval, who convened the panel, has said some of its recommendations could show up in his upcoming State of the State address.

Online: Nevada Drought Forum: <http://drought.nv.gov/>