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Assembly Bill 193 would force Truckee Meadows against this proposed legislation.

Environmentally, it is disastrous to add a toxic metal to water. It ultimately returns to the Truckee River and thence to Pyramid Lake in a closed watershed. It was the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service together with the Paiute Indian tribe who nixed fluoridation the last time it was proposed. Fluoride does not evaporate, so the concentrations in the lake—a closed sink into which the river drains—would build up to levels lethal to fish.

Mass medication with a proven neurotoxin, known corrosive, and suspected carcinogen violates core libertarian principles. Who is the Legislature to make the trade-off sacrificing the health of individual water consumers for questionable improvements to the community's dental hygiene? Fluoridation defies logic. How can a substance toxic enough to kill oral bacteria via momentary exposure not ultimately be harmful to our minds and bodies as it is absorbed into vital organs? Reno-Sparks voters were wise to have turned down fluoridation in the 2002 referendum, as was the Authority in its unanimous vote against the current bill.

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