NEVADA (REGION 9)
A Snapshot of Nevada’s TMDL Program (August 2008)

The Basics
Key Agency/Department & website(s)
Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Protection
http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/tmdl.htm

TMDL Program Structure/Placement
Housed in Bureau of Water Quality Planning

By the Numbers
Number of Impaired Waters 129
Number of Causes of Impairment 332
Top Five Causes of Impairment
1. Metals (other than mercury)
2. Nutrients
3. Turbidity
4. Temperature
5. Salinity/TDS/Sulfates/Chlorides

Approximate Number of TMDLs Developed Annually
Total Number of TMDLs Approved (1995 to present, incl. any est’d by EPA) 58
Total Number of TMDLs Approved in 2005/2006/2007 22/7/23
2008 303d/Integrated Report Submission Status (Date) status unknown
Approximate Number of FTEs Working on TMDL Issues 1

TMDLs
EPA Under Consent Decree to Develop TMDLs? N (had consent decree for one TMDL)

Broad-Scale? (e.g., watershed, multi-jurisdictional, etc.) N

Non-TMDL Options
Use of Non-TMDL Options to Address Impaired Waters? Y
Education of decision makers, stakeholders; development of cooperative efforts with land management agencies

Funding
Approximate Annual Budget for TMDL Program $100,000
Primary Source(s) of TMDL Program Funding federal funds

TMDL Implementation
TMDL Implementation Required? N
Innovations
Example(s) of Any Innovative Approach(es) Employed/
TMDLs that Represent a Particular Achievement
Links to NV TMDLs:
http://ndep.nv.gov/bwqp/tmdl.htm

Barriers
Top Three Barriers to TMDL Development
1. uncertainty about the appropriateness of WQSs
2. significant dewatering of streams occurs due to irrigation
3. most sources are NPS, which can be expensive to accurately characterize

Top Three Barriers to TMDL Implementation
1. little regulatory authority over NPS
2. lack of interested groups to implement projects
3. limited funding