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October 26, 2018

Jason King, PE, State Engineer  
Nevada Division of Water Resources  
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

**Re: Diamond Valley Preliminary Order of Determination**

Dear Mr. King,

Ruby Hill Mining Company, LLC (RHMC) is the owner of the Ruby Hill Mine in Eureka County, within the Diamond Valley. The Ruby Hill Mine has been a significant economic force in Eureka County over many years. The identified reserves of the mine are significant, and we anticipate that RHMC will continue to be an important economic driver in the area. That said, the future of RHMC is dependent on having water available for the life of the Ruby Hill Mine.

Accordingly, we were pleased with the findings of the Preliminary Order of Determination released by your office on August 30, 2018 and appreciate the fact that the order does not seek to disturb the existing priority dates of RHMC's existing certificated and permitted water rights. While RHMC is not seeking a claim of vested right in this adjudication, given our ownership of a significant quantity of groundwater in the Diamond Valley Basin, we would like to request that if objections are filed to the Preliminary Order that may impact the relative priority of our water rights, or otherwise could adversely impact our water rights, that we be given the opportunity to review these objections and, if necessary, participate in any related administrative hearings and appeals. We are also interested in being notified of and included in any discussions or actions related to conjunctive management or other relative priority date impacts within the Diamond Valley Basin caused by or resulting from this adjudication.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions for us on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Martini", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Joseph Martini  
Director of Environmental Affairs

Cc: Reed A. Cozens, P.E., Resource Concepts, Inc.