

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE  
STATE OF NEVADA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS 53987 )  
THROUGH 53992, INCLUSIVE, AND 54003 )  
THROUGH 54021, INCLUSIVE FILED TO )  
APPROPRIATE THE UNDERGROUND )  
WATERS OF SPRING VALLEY, CAVE )  
VALLEY, DELAMAR VALLEY AND DRY )  
LAKE VALLEY HYDROGRAPHIC BASINS )  
(180, 181, 182 AND 184), LINCOLN COUNTY )  
AND WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA )

**ELY SHOSHONE TRIBE**

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY OF  
ALVIN MARQUES

Pursuant to the April 1, 2011 Notice of the Chief, Hearings Section, the Ely Shoshone Tribe submits the attached summary of the testimony of its witness, Alvin Marques.

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Alvin Marques

Mr. Marques will testify generally as follows. He is a member of the Ely Shoshone Tribe, and is presently the Chairman of the Tribal Council. Tribal members are not wealthy people; there are few job opportunities on the Reservation. He is familiar with the Ely Shoshone Tribe's culture, traditions, and history. He is aware generally of the application of Southern Nevada Water Authority for permits to withdraw water from wells to be drilled in Spring Valley.

Water has always held a place of importance in the lives of Ely people and in their spiritual lives. It is the life blood of people, the blood of mother earth. There are dances, songs and ceremonies associated with water. The Tribes have taken actions under their sovereign authority to protect the water resources on and near their Reservation.

Ely Shoshone people use Spring Valley today. The water within the Valley is necessary to preserve the Valley's resources, and Ely Shoshone Tribe's involvement in these proceedings is an aspect of the Tribe's duty to protect its resources.

The loss of any portion of the Ely Shoshone Tribe's water resources would have an adverse impact upon the Tribe's economic development activities.