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Jason King
State Engineer
Division of Water Resources
State of Nevada
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Dear Mr. King:

On behalf of the members of the Associated General Contractors of America and their families in Nevada, I am writing to you in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Delamar, Dry Lake and Cave valleys.

For the nearly two million people who live and work in Southern Nevada, a reliable water supply is critical for our economic stability and prosperity. Without it, I believe more jobs will leave the region and, in turn, hinder the ability of the state as a whole to recover from the current economic slump that already has left many thousands of Nevadans unemployed – including many in the construction industry.

Failure to secure these additional water resources will wreak further havoc on an economy already teetering on the edge. As you are aware, businesses in Southern Nevada generate more than 70 percent of the state's gross domestic product and tax revenues. As well, the SNWA's project will generate jobs not only in Las Vegas but in our rural communities. Without the addition of these new water resources, Southern Nevada's future viability will remain uncertain and could have a domino effect on communities across the state.

We as Nevadans cannot allow this to happen. To that end, please allow SNWA to move forward with this critically-important project.

Sincerely,



Steve Holloway
Executive Vice President
Associated General Contractors, Las Vegas



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