

September 19, 2011

Mr. Jason King, P.E.
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State of Nevada
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Dear Mr. King,

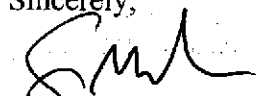
I am writing this letter in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unappropriated groundwater in Spring, Cave, Delamar and Dry Lake Valleys. As one of the largest financial services companies in Nevada, Bank of America has offices and branches throughout the state. As a result, we have a strong interest in ensuring that the economic engine of the state—Southern Nevada—has a reliable long-term water supply.

The water resources currently available in Spring, Cave, Delamar and Dry Lake Valleys are essential to the future of the thousands of households that Bank of America serves in Nevada, including Clark, Lincoln and White Pine counties. As population and job opportunities begin to expand again and the drought on the Colorado River continues to impact Southern Nevada, the need to pursue water applications in Eastern Nevada, where unused water is available and can be put to beneficial use, is urgent and necessary.

If the State of Nevada is going to rebound from the serious economic challenges it faces, then Southern Nevada needs to be able to attract and retain businesses, and be able to promise a stable and sustainable future to its residents. Without sufficient water resources to manage future droughts and/or growth, that stability is at risk.

Given the importance of the SNWA applications to our business, the economy and general public, I urge you to grant the applications in accordance with Nevada Water Law.

Sincerely,



Steve McCracken
Senior Vice President
Global Marketing and Corporate Affairs

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