



October 4, 2011

Mr. Jason King, State Engineer  
Nevada Division of Water Resources  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 2002  
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Mr. King,

I am writing this letter to offer my support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's Groundwater Project. The need and demand for this project is shared not only among me and my staff, but the southern Nevada community as a whole.

As the president of B2 Development Services, I represent the approximate three employees who live in Southern Nevada. Their children attend southern Nevada schools, their homes were purchased in southern Nevada, they attend church in southern Nevada and they pay taxes in southern Nevada. As hard working as they are, they depend on and deserve a reliable water supply to meet their needs.

Lake Mead serves as an ominous reminder that our community cannot continue to rely on a single source of water—a lesson that is more important now more than it has ever been to our community and our state. During the last legislative session, our legislators had to make significant sacrifices because of drastically reduced budgets—budgets that relied on the continued success of Southern Nevada. Just like the State of Nevada worked to develop additional means of revenue, southern Nevada is forced to develop alternative water supplies.

A diverse water supply is essential for southern Nevada to continue rebuilding from the economic challenges facing the state. Without one, investors and tourists alike will lose confidence in the community I so highly regard.

When considering the SNWA's groundwater applications, please consider the future of Southern Nevada in mind—our community relies on these applications to maintain a thriving community and solid tax base.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Barbara Baird'.

Barbara Baird