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Subject: Objection to Southern Nevada Water Authority Pipeline Plan

I object to the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the Las Vegas Valley Water District's plans to take the water from Lincoln County and White Pine County, Nevada and ship that water to the Las Vegas Valley by a massive pipeline project. Look what happened to the Owens Valley of California when Los Angeles did the same thing in its quest for more water. Owens Valley turned into a desert.

I have lived in Las Vegas for 74 years and was a 34 year employee of the Clark County School District. I retired as Director of Management Information Systems and Data Processing.

I have witnessed more and more self-righteous special groups, that are well-funded through lobbyists, get their way in Nevada. This has got to stop. You cannot let the greedy special interest groups run roughshod over the people of Nevada.

As a long term alternative, let the Southern Nevada Water Authority and the state of Nevada, alone or with California, Arizona and Mexico, build a desalination plant at the outlet of the Colorado River in the Gulf of California. Nevada could trade its share of water from the desalination plant in exchange for California, Arizona, and Mexico's share of Colorado River water.

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