

September 22, 2011

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

Dear Mr. King,

As Chairwoman of the Water Conservation Coalition (WCC), I am writing to convey our support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) groundwater applications in Spring, Delamar, Dry Lake and Cave Valleys.

Established in 1995, the WCC is a public/private partnership that works closely with the SNWA's Conservation Division to identify areas of conservation that are most beneficial to local businesses and the community's overall conservation goal. The WCC also focuses primarily on increasing participation in SNWA incentive and conservation programs, increasing water efficiency in the business community, and improving compliance with water-use restrictions.

As a result of the WCC and SNWA's joint conservation efforts, Southern Nevada has one of the most aggressive conservation programs in the nation. Since 2002 when the drought response plan was first developed, Southern Nevada has reduced its GPCD demand 29 percent from 314 GPCD to 223 GPCD in 2010. Additional conservation will be an important element in planning and balancing the various resource and infrastructure needs in Southern Nevada. Continued conservation, coupled with the acquisition and development of additional water resources, will allow SNWA to meet projected water demands long into the future.

Southern Nevada has been a very good steward of the water it currently uses and will continue that trend if it is granted additional water from the State Engineer. It is the WCC's position that our state's unused groundwater, regardless of where it is, should be used where it is needed most—in Southern Nevada. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Carmen Gigar  
Chairwoman  
Water Conservation Coalition

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