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Mr. State Engineer:

On behalf of the residents of Boulder City, Nevada, I am writing in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in northeast Nevada.

Located approximately 20 miles from the glitter and excitement of Las Vegas and just a few miles from the grandeur of Hoover Dam, Boulder City offers a quiet, relaxed living environment for more than 15,000 people.

Southern Nevada depends on the Colorado River as its main water supply for more than 30 years. Shared between seven western states, the river is fully allocated, with Nevada receiving the least amount of any state. This small apportionment, combined with severe and sustained drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin, means that Southern Nevada can no longer rely on the river as its primary water source.

As you may know, Boulder City relies completely on the Colorado River for its water, which places it even more at risk during drought conditions. The water delivered to Boulder City consumers is treated surface water from the Colorado River System drawn from two intakes at Lake Mead. However, any risk to the viability of the lake, from climate change or otherwise, is a direct threat to our only source of water. Therefore, we support the development of SNWA's in-state groundwater project as it will create a buffer for our city against future droughts on the Colorado River and safeguard its citizens against the potential jeopardy to the water supply.

Boulder City has been my home since 1969 when my family moved here from Salt Lake City, Utah. Now, as Mayor, it is my responsibility to ensure that our citizens have a safe, adequate and reliable water supply for their future. With this in mind, I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Roger Tobler  
Mayor  
Boulder City, Nevada

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