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September 29, 2011

Mr. Jason King, P.E.
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Dear Mr. King:

As Mayor of Nevada's second largest city, I understand the importance of water issues in this state. I also understand the difficult nature of your responsibility to balance the needs of Nevada residents with the environment, agriculture and other existing uses when making decisions regarding our most precious resource.

The more than 250,000 residents of the City of Henderson rely upon the Colorado River for their water. Currently, we are able to meet all of our community's water needs with this resource. However, a sustained drought on the Colorado suggests that Henderson and Southern Nevada may need to look into other resource options to meet our water demands.

While I remain very concerned about the viability of this project, I encourage you to fully explore the Southern Nevada Water Authority's proposal to transport water from Lincoln and White Pine counties to Clark County and to preserve it as an option for our community. I would also urge you to use discretion and the best science available when making your decision.

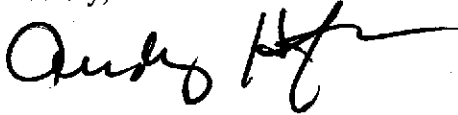
If you decide that water is available for export to Southern Nevada, I would encourage you to use extreme caution and ensure that all **other** existing uses are protected throughout the state. Nevada Water Law has served us well for many years and will continue to protect the residents and industries in this state as long as it is applied correctly. I trust that you will weigh these and other issues when considering the SNWA's applications in Eastern Nevada.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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