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September 19, 2011

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

Dear Mr. King:

On behalf of the Culinary Academy of Las Vegas, I would like to express my support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's Groundwater Development Project and urge you to approve their request for water in Spring, Delamar, Dry Lake, and Cave Valleys.

The Culinary Academy of Las Vegas is a nationally and internationally recognized labor-management partnership between the Culinary Union Local #226, Bartenders Local #165, and major resort/gaming properties on the Las Vegas Strip. The partnership has created the largest provider of employment and vocational training for entry-level and incumbent workers for the hospitality industry in Las Vegas.

Nevada benefits from a strong and stable workforce. Our members are integral to the gaming and tourism industry throughout the state, accounting for a large section of our state's employment. We depend on a strong economy to continue to employ our members.

The Southern Nevada Water Authority's applications in Eastern Nevada will continue to protect the public interest of our entire state and support our working families. We trust in you, the State Engineer, to apply the law fairly and use the science wisely, to protect the environment and the people of Nevada.

Sincerely,

Linda Mattoon
Chief Financial Officer
Culinary Academy of Las Vegas