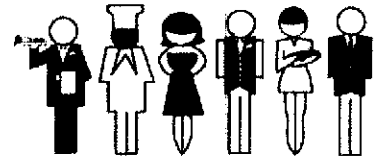


# CULINARY WORKERS UNION, LOCAL 226



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September 29, 2011

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

Dear Mr. King,

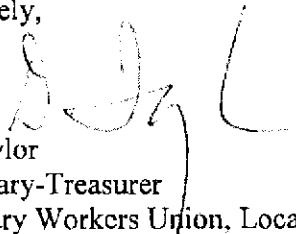
On behalf of the Culinary Workers Union, Local 226, I would like to express my support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's groundwater project and urge you to approve their request for water in Spring, Delamar, Dry Lake, and Cave Valley.

The Culinary Workers Union, Local 226 represents all workers in the kitchen and restaurant departments (cooks, kitchen workers, food servers, hosts, cashiers, cocktail department), in addition to the bell and housekeeping departments of the Las Vegas casino industry. We also represent food and service workers at McCarran International Airport, the Las Vegas Convention Center, Valley Hospital and the Nevada Test Site. Local 226 is the fastest growing private sector local union in the country.

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 for 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,

  
D. Taylor  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Culinary Workers Union, Local 226