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JASON KING
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Dear Mr. King:

I urge you to deny the Southern Nevada Water Authority's plan to pump ground water from rural valleys of Nevada and pipe to the Las Vegas area. While the Las Vegas area has the largest population now, there is no guarantee that will always be true. "On-line" gambling and/or other possible unforeseeables could change that. Approximately 100 years ago, the

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Goldfield-Tonopah area was the most populated area in the state. Before that it was Virginia City. Global Warming could change much of the state's demographics.

Disclosure: In addition to owning approximately 7 unimproved acres in the Las Vegas Valley, my wife and I own 2 acres (and are in the process of proving-up on 7 1/2 acre feet of water) in Moapa, and we own two 40 acre parcels (each surrounding a spring) and grazing rights in eastern Lincoln County.

.. if an outright denial of SNWA's application is not made now, I alternatively urge you to require SNWA to meter all possibly affected Springs in advance, so that a short-term standard could be established, and that any pumping allowed be on a temporary basis, subject to reduction if the existing water level in existing

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Wells "drop" or if the average annual
yieldage from Flowing Springs
decreases. While yearly variations
in the pumping of water might make
reliance thereon difficult, such a
procedure would more naturally
parallel nature. In extra moist years,
excess water could possibly be "banked"
in Lake Mead (or pumped into Las
Vegas aquifers) to be withdrawn in
times of drought.

I do not own land or water rights
in the areas from which most of the
water is projected to be pumped. I
do not believe that the heritage of
those who do own property and
live there (particularly those with
legitmy pioneer history in the area)
should be infringed on, by allowing
the pumping of water from the
Valleys, etc. settled on by their
ancestors.

Thank You
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