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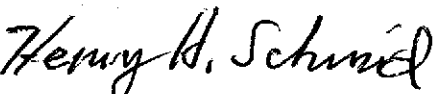
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Dear Ms. Joseph-Taylor

Consideration should be given to pumping water from Lincoln and White Pine counties only in those years when the inflow into Lake Mead is less than the net water used in Las Vegas. This would start after Lake Mead has built up a sufficient level to sustain a five year drought. In this way the water table could be replenished .

The pipeline system could also be designed to allow reverse pumping to refill the water table in those years when a surplus of Lake Mead inflow is available, similar to the water storage in Arizona now in place.

These actions would mitigate some of the concerns of the residents of the northern counties.


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