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# Please deny the demand from the Southern Nevada Water Authority for groundwater rights in White Pine and Lincoln counties

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State Engineer Jason King  
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Dear State Engineer Jason King State Engineer King,

We believe the scientific information is overwhelming: Draining 50 billion gallons of groundwater from the Great Basin would devastate Native American communities, rural economies and wildlife habitat over a huge area.

Further, the families and small businesses of Las Vegas, recovering from a brutal recession, cannot afford the huge price tag for this project.

In the 1990s, whenever I traveled to Las Vegas from my homes first in Tonopah and then in Ely, I felt great dismay and anger to see housing developments like Desert Shores and The Lakes and casinos like The Mirage, Treasure Island, The Bellagio, and The Venetian create lakes and ponds using municipal water to fill and maintain them. "The people don't know they're living in a desert," I complained to anyone who would listen. "And they will come for our rural water any day now."

Now, as a Las Vegas resident and homeowner in Desert Shores, I say, "Don't let SNWA dry up the rest of the state. Don't make Las Vegas residents pay for the grandiose schemes Pat Mulroy has for stealing scarce water from our rural neighbors. Las Vegas could do so much more conservation. If SNWA wants to build aqueducts and pipes for importing water from a distance, let's harvest seasonally the midwest's flood waters and thereby save people's homes and businesses rather than drying them up in our own state.

If SNWA has its way over rural Nevada's water, then you will have to explain to me how I can still get water for my house without being forced into complicity with a water grab I find morally abhorrent.

Sincerely,

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