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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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Dear 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.

I strongly believe that is not in the public interest for the State Engineer to grant any of the waters in the SNWA CDDS applications for export from these largely groundwater dependent desert basins. Export of water will lead to loss diversity of habitats; of unique communities of diverse flora, fauna, humans, soil ... No amount of money will be able to make restoration for damages. It is disingenuous for the SNWA to promise mitigation in any instance when that same SNWA, lacking transparency, controls the switch, and will only offer paltry sums and vacuous apologies for damages.

The SNWA lacks the financial resources to acquire the waters applied for and, and would have to place the burden for such acquisition on the future, future rate & taxpayers, and likely on the rest of the state. Leveraged funding, placing the financial burdens on the future, for profiteering in the present. That burden will likely reach other communities, counties, and into State coffers, and consume assets from highways, health services, pensions, education, universities, etc. At some point growth in Southern Nevada will cease, and it may be close to that point now having exceeded its carrying capacity.

I urge you to deny the applications filed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority and support the best interests of all of Nevada.

Sincerely,

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