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Jason King, P.E.  
State Engineer  
Attention: Susan Joseph-Taylor  
Chief Hearing Officer  
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Dear Mr. King,

As a business owner and long-time resident of Nevada, I am concerned about the ability for Nevada's economy to recover from its current downturn. The health of the economy is paramount in the ability of many businesses, including my own, to flourish.

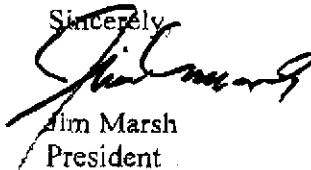
I am also concerned about the preservations of Nevada's culture and history. I love Nevada's rural communities and have purchased several historical hotels, bars and other buildings in rural areas throughout the state. Accordingly, I understand how difficult it is to balance the state's water supplies between urban and rural areas. Every business, building and establishment I own, urban or rural, depends on a reliable water supply.

I believe that several of the businesses I own throughout the state may be in jeopardy if Southern Nevada is unable to maintain a safe, reliable water supply. My businesses and Nevada's economy depend on a strong and robust economy in Southern Nevada, which is the economic engine for our state.

I would be devastated to see the state I love continued to be crippled by this weak economy. I would also be devastated to see businesses throughout the state continue to fail as a result of these economic conditions.

It is in the entire state's interest that the Southern Nevada Water Authority be permitted to develop unused water in the eastern part of the state. The SNWA's Groundwater Development Project will provide a new and reliable water resource that Southern Nevada desperately needs. I believe that the SNWA will develop these water resources in an environmentally responsible manner and that the development of the water will not come at the expense of rural Nevada. Nevada's economy is dependent on Southern Nevada's ability to provide its resident, businesses and industries with water.

I support the SNWA's applications for unused water in Spring, Delamar, Dry Lake and Cave Valleys and urge you to approve them. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Jim Marsh  
President

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