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State of Nevada Senate

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Jason King, P.E.
State Engineer
Attention: Susan Joseph-Taylor
Chief Hearing Officer
901S. Stewart ST., Suite 2002
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STATE ENGINEER OF NV

Dear Mr. King,

As a native Nevadan, a representative of rural Clark County, and a member of the Nevada State Senate, I fully understand the importance of water issues in our state.

I have worked on water issues throughout my career as a Senator and Assemblyman in the Nevada Legislature. These issues are frequently complex and contentious in Nevada, as we live in the driest state in the country. We rely on the State Engineer and his staff to take into account the best available science when making decisions regarding this important resource.

When acting on the Southern Nevada Water Authority's applications for groundwater in east-central Nevada, I urge you to continue to use most accurate and precise information available to you and your office. This information will assist you in making this decision that will have an impact on so many people throughout the state. These decisions require you to balance competing needs of various regions of the state, and I trust you will have the public's interest in mind when you make them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joe Hardy".

Dr. Joe Hardy

Nevada State Senator, District #12