

November 30, 2011

Susan Joseph-Taylor
Chief Hearing Officer
Div of Water Resources
901 Stewart St, Suite 2002
Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Susan Joseph-Taylor,

I am writing to support Goshute and Shoshone Tribal members in asking that the water rights applications be denied. Please do not let aquifers in Northern NV and Western UT be tapped by pipelines ~~to~~ destined for Las Vegas.

You have been presented with expert testimony, as well as from tribal members as to the grave ~~of~~ consequences of drawing from these aquifers.

While I understand that Las Vegas needs water, it is apparent through

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The knowledge and science we have about water tables and aquifers in these regions that we are at risk of creating a desert if water levels underground get too low.

If the levels get too low, the natural ecosystem cannot survive. Vegetation will die, then animals; ranchers will not be able to keep their cattle. It could be disastrous for many in this region.

We implore you to hold out, to keep seeking alternative solutions. We know there are a lot of politics involved here, but we are in a precarious situation and we must learn to preserve and honor what we have left on this planet. It's the only one we have.

Sincerely,
Kirk Miller