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TO: Jason King, Nevada State Engineer
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RE: Public Comment – SNWA Ground Water Development Project-Spring, Cave, Dry Lake, and Delmar Valleys.

Dear Mr. King,

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed SNWA Ground Water Development Project.

I request that this communication be entered into the official record.

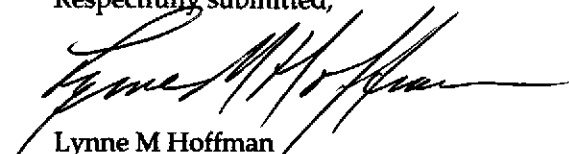
I oppose the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Ground Water Development Project.

I request that the State Engineer deny all of SNWA water applications associated with this project.

- The SNWA Ground Water Development Project is not in the public interest.
 - The proposed pipeline would hurt local economy due to decreased visitation because area would become a less desirable place.
 - Impacts from this project might put ranchers and farmers out of business and depopulate rural areas.
 - In Great Basin National Park, the area's largest attraction, plant and animal would suffer.
 - The pipeline would lead to major loss and/or extinction of indigenous plant and animal species.
 - Dust would be a major health hazard for local residents.
- The SNWA Ground Water Development Project would harm other water rights.
 - This project would produce unacceptable adverse impacts on all existing surface and groundwater rights.
 - Senior Water Rights would not be protected.
 - Most of the impacts from the proposed project would be irreversible and irretrievable.
- SNWA has failed to analyze and address:
 - Impacts from specific well locations.
 - The potential environmental effects due to climate change.
 - A sufficient range of alternatives. For example, building desalinization plants in Southern California in exchange for a larger portion of California's Colorado River water.
- Approving SNWA water right applications is very likely to result in future efforts by SNWA to claim more and more of the rural Nevada water

In summary, I request the Nevada Division of Water Resources deny all of SNWA water applications associated with this project because of the multitude of adverse impacts.

Respectfully submitted,



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