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September 22, 2011

Jason King, State Engineer  
Division of Water Resources  
901 South Stewart, Ste. 2002  
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Attn: Susan Joseph-Taylor  
RE: Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)  
underground water application in White Pine County

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Dear Mr. King;

I have lived in Las Vegas since 1959 and prior to that I grew up in Ely, Nevada. I went through school there and graduated from White Pine High School. My father was in the livestock, ranching and farming business around Ely.

While I am not a water engineer, I have practical knowledge about the water situation in White Pine County including Spring Valley and Snake Valley. Among other places my father ran sheep in the Cleve Creek area in Spring Valley. I am well acquainted with the Robison ranches that the SNWA purchased back in 2006 at an inflated price with taxpayer funds (\$22,000,000). My father and family were very close friends with Burton H. Robison who was the original owner of these ranches. SNWA also purchased other ranches at similarly inflated prices at about the same time.

Livestock ranchers and farmers were always concerned about water shortages and drought conditions during the time my father was in business. He drilled multiple wells with varying degrees of success. These wells were to water livestock. Some of them were as deep as 500 feet. He had to put a derrick type pump similar to oil wells just to water livestock.

The West has been in an approximate 60 year drought and in my opinion and there is just not that much ground water regeneration in this area. The amount of water SNWA intends to pump to make this project feasible for them will eventually pump the fossil aquifers dry.

Back in 2006, Pat Mulroy, general manager of SNWA talked about the threat of curtailing growth in Clark County. I said in my letter to the State Engineer dated September 8, 2006 "There is no way that anything near the current growth rate can be

sustained. The strain on the Southern Nevada infrastructure has been too intense as it is." As we all know with the current economic recession, that has more than proven true. The need now for additional water from White Pine, Lincoln or any other rural county has been eliminated.

There is a real possibility that if you allow SNWA to go forward with this water project it will turn out to be a multi-billion dollar debacle.

To think that a high desert area in Nevada is going to solve the water problems of Clark County is certainly wishful thinking. I urge you to deny the SNWA underground water applications for White Pine County water.

Sincerely,

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