

## Wrong Things

- Cutting down ancient Sequoias for folly and/or to make a quick buck off an inferior redwood product. The trees are mostly gone, the lumber squandered away on boomtowns and long rotted away. A mighty tree over 2000 years in the making, now preserved only in the tiny remaining groves, and in the name of a gas guzzling SUV.
- Someone's great idea to put another dam on the Colorado, ~~down~~ in the most spectacular canyon in the U.S. and destroy the ecosystem of the Grand Canyon at the same time. Enchanting natural beauty and the plentiful remains of the ancient inhabitants - never to be seen again. What a crime - all so some small desert city could grow into a monster.
- Mollhollands mess. An ugly pipeline steals water from an agricultural valley (an Eden I've heard), ships it <sup>many</sup> basins away to another greedy desert town so it can grow into a monster.

The list goes on. Hetch Hetchy, the wasteful slaughter of the American Bison, nuke plants built on faults, Love Canal...

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Let's not add Nevada's Great Basin to the list!

If the water in limbo was called Lake Tahoe - any idea of piping it off to Las Vegas would be obviously outrageous. But because the lake SNWA wants to drain is underground, unnamed and non-navigatable it's not challenged.

The typical Las Vegasan does not see the picture. They are more familiar with the wonders of San Diego than their own state. Most don't know where the wells are, what the area is like, who lives there or even how to get there. They only want to be able to water the lawn at the oversized Tuscan style home that they are under water on.

I live in Las Vegas, but also own land in Lincoln and Elko Counties. As a rock climber, equestrian, and all-around explorer - I have tramped around our state quite a bit and am always blown away by its beauty and wildness. I have also seen the SNWA's many well heads and their proximity to natural springs.

The Great Basin's aquifers grew over eons. The water is ancient. The rate of withdrawal to natural replenishment would be so off kilter if pumped by SNWA - it would be a non renewable resource. The basin and springs will go dry and more quickly than is imagined. The balance in that ecosystem is delicate and can't take that stress. Plants will die, wildlife will die. It does not take a major scientific report to understand this. Anyone who knows the Great Basin can feel it.

Say no to SNWD. Say no to folly, the quick buck, and to letting a monster grow. Do a right thing.

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