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Mr. Jason King, P.E.
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Re: SMWA Water Development Project

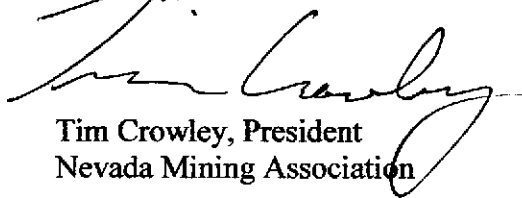
Dear Mr. King:

The Nevada Mining Association appreciates the opportunity to comment on the SMWA Water Development Project.

The Association has no position in favor of or in opposition to the proposed project. The Association does ask the State Engineer's office to consider the extensive mineral potential in the project area and ensure that those resources are not in any way impacted or removed for future consideration for exploration, extraction and beneficiation. Additionally, sufficient water must be retained within the project areas to allow for future economic development in those areas (including mining).

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



Tim Crowley, President
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