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Mr. King,

On behalf of the members of the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in northeast Nevada.

Founded in 1948, the North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce has grown to meet the needs of thousands of businesses in the northern part of the Las Vegas Valley. Our organization is both a resource and an advocate for the business community and therefore I urge you to not endanger our member's future success by disallowing this water transfer.

Southern Nevada depends on the Colorado River as its main water supply for more than 30 years. Shared between seven western states, the river is fully allocated, with Nevada receiving the least amount of any state. This small apportionment, combined with severe and sustained drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin, means that Southern Nevada can no longer rely up the river as its primary water source.

Our member businesses are facing great challenges in this economy. They are doing everything in their power to stay in business, keep existing jobs and with some better economic conditions, even grow in the future. Not having certainty with regard to our region's water supply will undermine all of these efforts.

Please consider the above when making your decision this fall.

Sincerely,

  
Curtis Cummings  
President and CEO  
North Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce