

Dear Mr. Jason King

I do not believe that enough do diligence has been done by the southern Nevada Water Authority to acquire water from the Mississippi River flood control system or that enough political attention has been brought to bare to help with the problem of water for the western region of the country. The plan that I propose in the letter to the editor would provide water for the Colorado River and provide additional flood control as well as providing water for the Ogallala Aquifer. This plan would bring about an excellent public works program for the jobs program in play now in congress. I wrote the letter to the editor to call attention to Senator Harry Reid's call for employment on such a program.

I think this program should be brought to attention to Senator Harry Reid and congress for a reason to displace the route of the Keystone Pipeline project from crossing the Ogallala Aquifer which would be a disaster. I would also like add my protest to the Central Nevada pipeline which would only be a temporary solution and would not withstand any long drought periods and only make people poorer and antagonistic. I pray that your decision will bring good will to the people of Nevada and the country as well as employment for the correct program.

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## Water for the Colorado River and Lake Mead

Dear editor;

While I was watching TV yesterday I saw Senator Harry Reid make a proclamation that the country needs a large project to employ thousands of workers to improve the unemployment problem. This is the FDR approach for a solution to the problem. For the first time, I wholeheartedly agree with Harry and I hope he continues to agree in his proclamation. The project I would like to see Senator Reid agree to in the title above is an idea that I tried to promote through the water district.

The project engages the Army Corps of Engineers whose job and jurisdiction is the control of waters to prevent flooding of the Mississippi River basin. The approach of the problem to achieve more water into the Colorado River is to return water to the Colorado River from the Missouri River. The project would be located where the Missouri River meets the Nebraska line. The Army Corps would need to develop a spill basin below the Missouri and in northern Nebraska to allow flood waters to be dumped into the basin to provide a lake and river that runs into western Nebraska near the border junction of Colorado, Wyoming, and Nebraska. This flood basin would provide the water to be returned to the Colorado River and to recharge the Ogallala Aquifer. The Aquifer would also provide a huge area for flood waters that could be drawn from the spill basin to prevent flood waters to the Mississippi River.

The problem of getting water to the Colorado River can be two-fold: first, if the land elevation is not too severe, water could be transported under the continental divide by boring tunnels underground. The easiest approach would be to pump the water through large conduits over the divide with electric pumps with power provided from the hydro-generating system of the up-river dams.

This approach to getting water to the Colorado River would negate the need for a pipeline from central Nevada and would not drain the taxpayers of billions of their hard-earned retirement nest eggs. Of course, for all this to happen, the political movers and shakers need to get Senator Harry Reid to grease the way with the funds to move the Corps of Engineers to do their job with haste.

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