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**RE: SNWA Application for unused groundwater in Spring Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar Valleys**

Mr. King:

On behalf of the almost 1,000 business members representing the Henderson Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's applications for unused groundwater in Spring Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys.

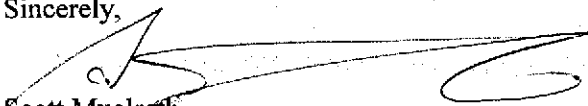
With more than 70 percent of the State of Nevada's gross domestic product and tax revenues originating from Southern Nevada, it is vital that the region have a secure and adequate water supply. Currently, Clark County relies almost exclusively on water from the Colorado River, which is a natural resource that is over appropriated and subject to potential effects from climate change. We need another source of water to diversify this reliance.

Water is fundamental. When the business community knows it has the fundamentals available to grow and be successful, economies can thrive. Without enough water, virtually all economic activity is thrown into jeopardy. The unused water in northeast Nevada will provide valuable reassurance to businesses that Henderson and Clark County will have an adequate water supply to meet current demand and provide for future business growth and job creation.

The economic slowdown over the last few years has been especially challenging here in the State of Nevada. That is why it is so important that we do everything we can to help our economy rebound and prosper once more. Quite simply, without a reliable and adequate water supply, that recovery is put at risk.

As the Chief Executive Officer of an organization that represents small, medium and large companies that employ thousands of Nevadans, please keep in mind what is at stake as you consider this important matter before you.

Sincerely,

  
Scott Muelrath  
Executive Director/CEO  
Henderson Chamber of Commerce

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