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Chief Hearing Officer

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Dear Madam:

Please consider the whole picture of the state and ALL that live in it in making you decision for this most precious resource.

Alas, the water " powers that be" seem to be oblivious that there is a whole state to be considered... not just Las Vegas. The water district appears to think that raiding the water from another area is the way to go enabling people to think they are in the desert but can live as though they are not. NO!!!

I have lived in Las Vegas since April 1964 and have seen "for progress" mistakes that have been made over the years that prove disastrous and this is one in the making. I have seen the waste and mismanagement by these poor decisions .

An example of a few of these potential "progress mistakes":

We are living though a drought but now there are not just ONE but TWO water parks that have been ok' d.

We were told to conserve water by getting rid of the grass to go to desert landscape and were paid to do so. Now we are told if we give back the money we can put the grass back!

It is though the pipeline is a done deal and they can now "spend" the water to come!!!

Please consider what will be coming in the future if a precedent is set that we can take water from anywhere no matter what it does to the environment, human lives, animals etc. just because we can and the financial COST!!!

Knowing human nature...if it can be done once the precedent is set then it can be done again and again no matter the cost to the environment and people in the area being raided so the residents of Las Vegas can live in an illusion.

Respectfully,



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