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Please deny the demand from the Southern Nevada Water Authority for groundwater rights in White Pine and Lincoln counties.

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Dear King,

We believe the scientific information is overwhelming: Draining 50 billion gallons of groundwater from the Great Basin would devastate Native American communities, rural economies and wildlife habitat over a huge area.

Further, the families and small businesses of Las Vegas, recovering from a brutal recession, cannot afford the huge price tag for this project.

The ancient water under the Great Basin is not replaceable. Once it is used up it is gone. Draining off this water will dry out large areas of Eastern Nevada and Western Utah. This will affect the sparsely populated locally ranching communities as well as the more heavily populated areas along the Wasatch Mountains in Utah. Utah's cities will suffer from the dust that will result from the drying out of the land in the Great Basin and loss of what little vegetation that exists. This dust contains minerals such as erionites that are related to asbestos and can cause significant respiratory problems. There may also be spores of coccidioidomycosis and radioactive residue from the atomic testing that occurred in Nevada in the post World War II period. The gain that Las Vegas will get will last only as long as the aquifer lasts. Once it is drained Las Vegas will have to look elsewhere for water or an even larger city will have to be abandoned to become a modern day Mesa Verde. If there is to be a city in the desert it should not be allowed to spread beyond its availability to adequate water supplies. Also, Las Vegas is not known for conservation, a method that can more than adequately solve its short term water problems.

I urge you to deny the applications filed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority and support the best interests of all of Nevada.

Sincerely,

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