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What if there were a way to prevent Nevada from slowly becoming a wasteland?

What if there were a way to provide us with an abundance of water – an abundance of natural life – and even an abundance for the future?

What if the only thing we would have to miss out on to get this were expensive boondoggle construction projects and community crushing predatory bank loans.

And what if achieving this just came down to sending a few key people back to the drawing board to take into consideration the real world?

The Watergrab is what **ecocide** *looks* like. And now it's the State Engineer's job to make it officially acceptable. We've never voted for that. We wouldn't. And it is *not* the State Engineer's duty to subvert democracy.

As far as Nevada water law is concerned:

natural plants and animals have no right to live.

future generations can just do without or die.

and the Native Americans (who have lived here sustainably for 10,000 years) don't matter. Legally, we may as well already be extinct.

Unfortunately, that appears to be literally where Rural Nevada is headed – without water.

Nevada water law is critically flawed. First in use, first in right – in the *real world* means; the first to waste the water can have it for free.

The Earth's resources are **real world's bank**. This Watergrab is like a run on a bank. And we all know what happens to a bank when it has no assets left. In

our man-made world it's called bankruptcy, but in the real world it's called extinction.

The real world has been functioning for billions of years within natural laws that cannot be manipulated for the benefit of a few. Nevada water law ignores Natural Laws. This is crazy. It's like ignoring gravity.

And yet here we are, allowing *one person* to make this decision for us. A person who *could* someday end up working for the very organization here requesting the water. Maybe we've already been sold out. But if we're not, I have one thing to point out.

There is a reason the State Engineer hasn't been replaced by a computer program. That reason is straight-forward. An intelligent human being is *no robot*. The people of Nevada have entrusted the State Engineer to have wisdom.

SNWA could desalinate ocean water offshore for Californians in exchange for more water from the Colorado River. Problem solved.

Offshore desalination is far less environmentally devastating, far less financially risky, *less expensive*, and doesn't sucker the present residents of Southern Nevada to pay billions for water for somebody else.

But most importantly, with desalination, there will be *more water*. There will be **more water** for the future, **more water** for genuinely desperate times, and **more water** for natural life on Earth.

This is a critical decision. We can choose to make water shortages in the future *even worse*. Or, we can choose to learn to live within our means – and maximize our happiness instead of our unearned profits.

In the real world, we are merely links in a multi-generational chain of humanity – in fact, of life on Earth.

We *must* not be the weak link.