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Dear Susan Joseph-Taylor:

The Desert eco systems are very fragile and nothing should be done to alter this very delicate balance of nature.

Ground water is not a renewable resource. To those living in Lincoln, Nye and White pine counties and the western part of Utah water is their very livelihood, their very existence, where as water to us in the Las Vegas Valley is clear water for our toilets.

For the Southern Nevada Water Authority to go into these counties for water is morally wrong, this is a crime against humanity no less.

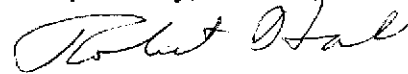
I do fear any legal ruling that would allow water to be taken from these counties would also be used to deprive me of any of my assets for the same reason.

I say that if there is to be a pipeline bring water in to the Las Vegas Valley, Let it come not from the north, or east or even the south but from the Southwest to bring desalinated water in from the Pacific Ocean. The pipeline would essentially parallel the Southern Pacific Railroad which would provide the most favorable grades, dumping it in to Lake Mead as a holding reservoir.

Yes, the technology is there for the efficient desalination of sea water and non-polluting power sources for the pumping plants. This system will cost, however in the long run will be the better way to bring water into the Las Vegas Valley. Also there would revenue from the sale of the brine, and of excess water when available. A nuclear powered electrical plant would also be in the same fashion, excess power to be sold, thus generating more income, where a pipeline to the north would not.

At your convenience, I am available for further discussion in this matter .

Respectfully,



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