



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

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Dear State Engineer Jason King State Engineer King, State Engineer,

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.

Pipeline construction, with its inevitable delays and cost over-runs may exceed even the worst-case scenario of \$15 billion. And \$15 billion divided by the 2 million population of Clark County comes to roughly \$7,500 per person. That is enough to purchase a \$1 gallon of water at the supermarket every day for every person in Clark County for 20 years!

SNWA is disingenuous: despite what they may say, the pipeline is not intended as a back-up source in case of an emergency* with Lake Mead dropping below the third intake. Rather, the sole purpose of the pipeline is to facilitate the continued growth of Clark County.

SNWA's plan is dangerous. Any growth in population due to the pipeline means that in a water emergency an even greater demand would be placed on the system.**

It would be best if the SNWA agreed to cancel the pipeline in exchange for cities in Utah dropping their own pipeline schemes to tap the Colorado River.

*Or--good grief!--if the proposed nuclear reactor on the Green River contaminates the Colorado River and Lake Mead.

**This might also give SNWA the idea to argue for a backup pipeline for the proposed pipeline: an infinite loop of pipelines.

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