

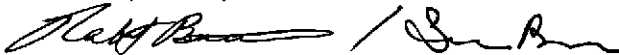
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Susan Joseph-Taylor
Chief Hearing Officer
Nevada Division of Water Resources
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Carson City, NV 89701

We are writing this letter to inform your office of our opposition to the SNWA water development project in North Eastern Nevada. We are concerned that an inter-basin water transfer of the scale proposed will decimate our land and surrounding area forever. Our property lies in Spring Valley where most of the massive pumping is anticipated. We are not opposed to ground water pumping if it is pursued in a reasonable manner, however, the amount of water that this project proposes to pump will harm the environment on many fronts and leave little to no water for future economic growth to take place in Spring Valley. We have applied for a small amount of water in Spring Valley in January of 2007 to help promote some economic development in the area. Our application has made no progress in almost five years. In the midst of the worst economic crisis this country has seen in nearly a century, it would be reasonable to allow some water to be allocated for beneficial purposes on land directly above the water.

We have invested a good part of our lives in this property because of its beauty and as an investment in the future. Without adequate water for a sustainable future, we and the people of Northeastern Nevada will be left with nothing. With the environmental and economic harm that this project will inflict on Northeastern Nevada we will not, cannot support it.

Thank you for your consideration.



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