

Court Reporter

My name is Tina Nappe. I am a lifelong resident of Nevada. From 1967-71 I worked at Foresta Institute for Ocean and Mountain Studies, located in Washoe Valley. My focus was endangered species; therefore my focus was Nevada's endemic, threatened, rare, endangered, and sometimes extinct fish species. Some of these fish species exist within the pathway and pumping range of the proposed water project.

From those years to these hearings, there have been many years of investing in the remaining native fish to preserve the species within their current habitats. The goal has been to secure their future along with ours. These fish species biology is framed and adapted to harsh conditions, but those conditions have to date included the understanding they must remain within their current water world.

At the surface springs streams and associated riparian habitats provide bird migration resting areas, nesting sites, food sources. Desert plants hold the soil in place, while providing food and shelter for wildlife, and sometimes other plants. Do we really want to become the Sahara?

From my limited understanding of Nevada water law, the only protection these fish and associated biota will receive is through the State Engineer rejecting the water applications. Nevada lacks forceful environmental protections for wildlife.

like California's CEQA,

Approving the applications will surely entail the building of the pipeline and the need to repay the costs through continued development and the sale of water. There will be no cessation of pumping or continuous deepening of wells to satisfy development.

So I urge you to reject the water applications.

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