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Jason King, P.E.
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Division of Water Resources
State of Nevada
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Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Mr. King,

On behalf of the over 500 members of the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association (SNHBA), I appreciate this opportunity to voice my support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys.

As the organization that represents several of the largest homebuilders in the state, SNHBA actively seeks to ensure the viability and success of the homebuilding industry. We pride ourselves on contributing to the quality of life in Southern Nevada by providing homes to Nevada families. However, our quality of life could suffer quite dramatically if we do not have water supply options available to the community, particularly during periods of shortage.

Currently, southern Nevada depends on the Colorado River for almost all of its drinking water needs. As drought conditions continue to impact Colorado River snow pack and water flows, it is imperative that local water managers diversify the community's water resource options. Allowing for use of monitoring, management and mitigation plans (3M Plans) and use of adaptive management will provide greater protection from future droughts and diversifying southern Nevada's resource portfolio to protect the quality of life for more than 70 percent of Nevadans.

The prospect of securing a reliable water supply for southern Nevada needs to be resolved. For that reason, SNHBA fully support SNWA's applications for the unused groundwater.

Sincerely,



Nat Hodgson III
Executive Director
Southern Nevada Home Builders Association

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