



October 6, 2017

Jason King, P.E.  
Nevada State Engineer  
Division of Water Resources  
State of Nevada  
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Dear Mr. King:

As the largest business association in Nevada with member businesses of all sizes that employ almost 230,000 Nevadans, the Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce is writing to express its continued support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys.

More than two million people live and work in Southern Nevada and, as a region, we welcome 43 million-plus visitors a year. Seventy percent of the State's gross domestic product and tax revenues originate from Southern Nevada. Accordingly, a secure and adequate water supply in this region is fundamental to the economic vitality of the entire state.

The Metro Chamber supports securing the long-term viability of southern Nevada's water supply by supporting SNWA's use of monitoring, management and mitigation (3M) plans for groundwater development projects. The 3M plans feature key indicators that include reasonable triggers and thresholds for investigation and mitigation actions based upon observed data rather than uncertain modeling projections.

The Metro Chamber also recognizes adaptive management as a valuable tool for responsible groundwater management. This scientific approach to managing water resources allows for a flexible and responsive approach to protect the groundwater basin and provide reassurance to businesses and residents of an adequate and reliable water supply.

Thank you for allowing the Metro Chamber to provide comments on this important issue. If I can be of any assistance or provide you with additional information, please contact me at 702.641.5822.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin McMillan". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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