

October 17, 2017

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Attn: Susan Joseph-Taylor

Dear Ms. Joseph-Taylor:

Re: RE: Applications 53987-53992 and 54003-54021
SNWA Water Applications to Extract Water from Spring, Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar valleys.

Nevada is rapidly becoming a state dominated by one powerful county with the financial capability of determining state water law and decisions derived from that water law. Any decision from the State Engineer which permits SNWA wiggle room will result in SNWA's ultimate triumph over other private, county, or state agency positions, including those of the Division of Water Resources's (DWR). No other entity in the state, including DWR, has the financial capability to invest in additional studies or to oppose SNWA's dewatering goals. Please do not support SNWA's applications.

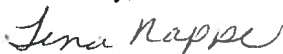
SNWA's investment in obtaining water rights, developing those rights and transferring water to Clark County will necessitate sales of that water to offset and recover costs. There is no way that once approval for any wells is obtained, that SNWA will cease or slowdown its dewatering of the valleys under consideration. A decision accommodating SNWA will be used as justification for obtaining additional water rights in other valleys.

In securing its own water supply for growth, SNWA will, of course, ensure that no meaningful development will occur elsewhere within its "drainage" system. Eastern Nevada will be an Owen's Valley without a NEPA law to protect residents and natural resources.

Please

- * Deny the applications
- * Recognize that mitigation for lost water cannot be replaced. If it could be SNWA would not be applying for this water.
- * Require that any studies conducted on water be undertaken by USGS with an advisory group which includes rural community representatives and natural resource experts.
- * Ensure that any decision from DWR does not provide flexibility enabling SNWA, like the camel, putting its nose under the tent, to stretch its "studies" ad infinitum.
- * Recognize that SNWA or any entity which once invests in project is unlikely to reduce or cease use. In this case SNWA will continue to grow and be increasingly dependent upon this water until it is exhausted..

Sincerely,



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