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Jason King, P.E.
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Dear Mr. King,

In less than 100 years, Las Vegas has been transformed from a desert railroad outpost into the gambling and entertainment capital of the world. The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12 represents the hard-working men and women who have shaped Southern Nevada into the world-class destination it is today – an unparalleled place to live, work and visit.

Local 12 recognizes, however, that without a stable water supply, Southern Nevada's future is at stake. Nearly all of Southern Nevada's water currently comes from the Colorado River, which is of particular concern due to ongoing drought in the basin. The diminished water level of Lake Mead, Southern Nevada's principle reservoir, should serve as a stern warning of the critical nature of Southern Nevada's water reserves and the need for supplementation.

For this reason, Local 12 supports the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) efforts to secure the long-term viability of Southern Nevada's water supply through adaptive management, which includes the SNWA's applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys.

As the Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 12, I wish to express our organization's support of the SNWA's use of adaptive management by utilizing monitoring, management and mitigation plans and request a favorable ruling in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Sikorski, Business Manager
I.U.O.E., Local Union No. 12 and
General Vice President

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