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Mr. King,

On behalf of the of the Nevada State American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and its 200,000 members and 120 unions throughout Nevada, I am writing to express continued support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delmar Valleys. Southern Nevada is home to more than two million residents and over 42 million visitors each year and as such, an adequate water supply is fundamental to the economic livelihood and vitality of our state.

We are supportive of the SNWA's monitoring, management and mitigation (3M) plans and believe that the organization's use of 3M plans is a necessary component for modern and responsible groundwater development. Utilizing thresholds and triggers for investigation and mitigation actions based on scientific observations and data makes SNWA's 3M plans more appropriate than those based on uncertain modeling projections. Additionally, implementation of adaptive management tools will allow for a more responsive and flexible approach in protecting the groundwater basins while assuring that southern Nevada receives water it greatly needs.

More than 80 percent of our members live in Clark County and each of our members' jobs depend upon a safe and reliable water supply. Therefore, ensuring that southern Nevada has adequate water resources for the future is critical to members of my organization. I urge you to consider the merits of the SNWA's 3M plans and hope you will consider their importance to the southern Nevada community.

Sincerely,

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