

October 9, 2017

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

Established in 1995, the Water Conservation Coalition (WCC) is a public/private partnership that works closely with the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) to identify areas of conservation that are most beneficial to local businesses and the community's conservation goal.

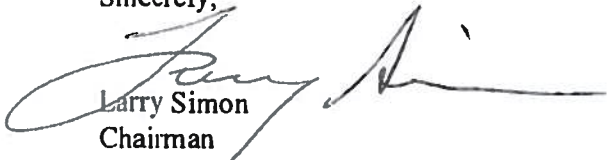
Overall conservation efforts in the Las Vegas Valley have helped reduce the community's Colorado River consumption by 30 billion gallons between 2002 and 2016, even as the population increased by more than 600,000 residents during that time.

While water conservation plays a critical role in the community's water resource planning, Southern Nevada's reliance on the drought-stricken Colorado River as the community's sole water source is unsustainable. To that end, the WCC completely agrees with the State Engineer's conclusion that Southern Nevada needs additional water independent of the Colorado River.

To achieve this, the WCC supports the SNWA's plan to develop unused groundwater resources and agrees that adaptive management is a valuable tool for responsible groundwater management.

As the Chairman, I hope you will take our agency's perspective into consideration as you consider the important matters before you.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Simon  
Chairman

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