



September 22, 2017

Jason King, P.E.
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State of Nevada
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Dear Mr. King,

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) promotes Las Vegas and the surrounding areas of Laughlin, Boulder City, Jean, Primm, Henderson, North Las Vegas and Mesquite as the world's most desirable destination for leisure and business travel. As one of the world's top destinations, Las Vegas hosted more than 42 million visitors who help generate an estimated \$60 billion to the Southern Nevada economy last year. However, if Las Vegas is going to remain the Entertainment Capital of the World and maintain its 23-year standing as the number one trade show destination, we must continue to take proactive steps to diversify its water resources portfolio.

The LVCVA first conveyed our support in 2011, and with this letter, I renew our support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys. SNWA's use of adaptive management will allow for a more responsive and flexible approach in protecting groundwater basins and springs and is a valuable tool to safeguard the protection of our state's precious natural resource.

Without a reliable water supply, the 150,000 hotel/motel rooms that we market will go empty, 407,000 Southern Nevadans that work in the travel and tourism industry will lose their jobs, and the more than 22,000 meetings and conventions we host annually will be held in other states. Our organization hopes that you will consider the merits of the SNWA's arguments and thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rossi Ralenkotter".

Rossi Ralenkotter

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