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Office of the State Water Engineer
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Written Public Comment for Hearings - September 25 through October 6, 2017

I am opposed to the SNWA pipeline project which would take water from northeastern Nevada to Las Vegas, Nevada.

As everyone knows, Las Vegas is located in a desert with limited water resources. Water usage should be managed more effectively so that less water is needed. Growth of population and buildings should be restricted so that less water will be needed in the future. More vertical residential buildings should be encouraged which require less landscaping and promote water efficiency. Golf courses and backyard swimming pools should be closed. More landscaping should be converted from grass to desert landscaping.

Water in northeastern Nevada is also limited and not readily replenished as it is "high desert". The cost of the proposed pipeline is astronomical and limited in lifespan. If water were removed from northeastern Nevada, the pipeline would become useless and the landscape would become a dustbowl. **The project is not sustainable.**

How many basins in Nevada are currently over allocated? How did the State Water Engineers' office allow this to happen? Now the State wants to dry up more basins?

In any Nevada water project, the following items must be considered and included:

- The project should include specific methods of measurement, both surface water and groundwater. The State must recognize the connection between surface and groundwater.
- Specific mitigation should be included **with appropriate independent bonding funds** to insure that mitigation would be funded.
- **Senior water rights must be protected.**

When will SNWA realize that the pipeline path is not feasible for the future?
All of Nevada, especially Las Vegas has limited water resources today and in the future.

Sincerely,



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