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Local Union 396*



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September 29, 2017

Jason King, P.E.
State Engineer
Division of Water Resources
State of Nevada
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 2002
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Dear Mr. King,

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 396 ("IBEW") would like to express our continued support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys. The IBEW represents Lineman, Sub-Station Electricians, Metering Electricians, Communications Electricians among multiple other employees of public utilities in the electrical industry.

Nevada benefits from a strong and stable workforce and our members are integral to the economic engine and vitality of this state. We depend on a strong economy to continue to employ our members and from an economic standpoint, having a reliable water supply is fundamental to a robust and vibrant economy.

We are supportive of the SNWA's monitoring, management and mitigation (3M) plans and believe that it is a valuable tool in providing an essential natural resource to southern Nevada while still protecting and preserving the environment in the Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys. In addition, the adaptive management initiative proposed by the SNWA will allow for the organization to be responsive to the ever-changing environment and will assist the SNWA in addressing any issues or concerns that may arise from their groundwater development project.

For over Forty-three (43) years the IBEW has supported the livelihoods of thousands of workers in the region. Job creation and job retention are at the forefront of our organization's goals and objectives. By approving the SNWA's applications for unused groundwater, you will not only help the state continue its trajectory as one of the fast

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growing states in the nation, but also help ensure that millions of Nevadans have safe, reliable and sufficient water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jesse Newman', written over a printed name.

Jesse Newman
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