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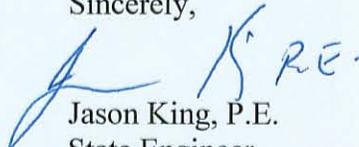
Re: Applications 53987 through 53992, 54003 through 54021 (Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys)

Dear Mr. Albright and Mr. Entsminger:

By letter dated August 19, 2010, I brought to your attention Nevada Revised Statute 533.364, which provides as to certain interbasin transfers of groundwater that an inventory of the water resources be conducted under certain circumstances within a certain timeframe. Pursuant to that letter I designated the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) as the entity to conduct an inventory of the basins from which the water is to be exported under the above-referenced applications. Since that time, I have received comments expressing concerns over having the inventories completed before any first evidentiary exchange, over how that inventory would be made part of any hearing and over the need for any inventory to be subject to rebuttal during the hearing.

As a result of these concerns, I now feel the inventory could best be conducted by our agency. This will ensure a timely product that will be acceptable for use in the hearing. Therefore, please be informed that I am rescinding my August 19, 2010, letter ordering the SNWA to conduct the basin inventory. The study will be conducted by staff of the Division of Water Resources with the cost of the study to be borne by the SNWA. Thank you for your attention in this matter and I apologize for any inconvenience my earlier decision may have caused.

Sincerely,


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State Engineer