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Please do not approve the application by The Southern Nevada Water Authority to take water from The Great Basin Area.

Removing water from The Great Basin Area would be detrimental to the wildlife and people living in this area. The Great Basin is an important part of Nevada's history. The area should be left alone for its beauty, historical significance and its agricultural production.

It is my belief that the project proposed by The Water Authority is nothing more than a boondoogle.

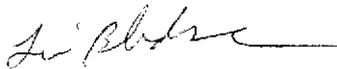
Las Vegas does not need to increase its water supply. The water authority promotes low flow shower heads and water restrictions but does nothing to address the real problem. 70% of our water use goes towards landscaping. Most of that landscaping is a requirement of various municipal agencies and homeowners associations. Before Las Vegas ruins the surrounding rural areas, by stealing their water, it needs to examine the necessity of its landscaping requirements. Does a grocery store parking lot really need 100 trees?

Furthermore, as a long time resident I am aware that our population is no longer growing. It has shrunk substantially and is a reflection of the lack of construction projects and decline in home prices. People came here for jobs, primarily construction jobs. Now that our construction industry has capitulated, our former "residents" have moved elsewhere. I do not anticipate our population growing any time in the next decade. There are no jobs to attract people. Our eighth largest employer is Walmart. Every residential street in Las Vegas has atleast two vacant houses on it. Many of our strip malls are vacant, but the sprinklers are still watering the 100 or so trees.

Please see the following article, "Top 100 users consume enough water to supply 1,950 homes, but that's only half the story," in the March 22, 2009 issue of The Las Vegas Review Journal to see where our water really goes.

<http://www.lvrj.com/news/41647962.html>

Thank you,



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