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Public Comment – SNWA Ground Water Development Project

Dear Sir,

I am a citizen of Baker, Nevada and a previous superintendent of Lehman Caves National Monument (December 1974-May 1981). I have continued to live on the Circle M Ranch since December 1993. I am against the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Ground Water Development Project. I would like this letter and my opposition to be recorded in the official records. I believe the State Engineer should deny all of SNWA water applications associated with this project.

I believe the project in Spring Valley and other valleys are not in Nevada's best interest and it would hurt the land as well as the local economy. It would especially make this area of the state a less desirable place to live.

I live just below and to the east of Great Basin National Park, and I believe the impact to this area and the park would be too significant to continue with the pipeline project. The cumulative and total impacts are too great for this project to succeed.

I believe that the project would negatively impact fishing and the habitat that game and other animals depend on for their survival. Dust could become a problem for the people that live here.

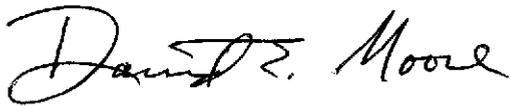
I believe that historic water RIGHTS should be protected and this project would have an unacceptable adverse impact on hundreds of existing surface and groundwater rights. At the present time there is insufficient information on the impacts of the entire area, and most would be irreversible and irretrievable.

I believe there are other means to reach SNWA's water objectives and solve their problem other than drying up this beautiful and productive area of Nevada. The costs, need, funding and justification are insufficient to proceed with this project.

I strongly believe that the Nevada Division of Water Resources should deny all of SNWA water applications that are associated with this project because of the cumulative and unknown adverse impacts and all of the uncertain effects that could both above and below ground.

I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the proposed SNWA Ground Water Development Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David E. Moore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David E. Moore

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