

September 29, 2010

Ms. Susan Joseph-Taylor
Chief Hearing Officer
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Dear Ms. Taylor:

Before you rule on the Southern Nevada Water Authority's permission to build a pipeline to siphon billions of gallons of groundwater from eastern Nevada, please consider the following options:

- 1). Have all economic and geological studies prepared by an unbiased consultant.
- 2). Prepare detailed economic comparison analysis of the following options:
 - a). Purchase all excess water from the Coyote Springs Development
 - b). Purchase water from: Utah (Lake Powell is always full)
 - c). California farmers (i.e., pay farmers to install more efficient drip systems to obtain water savings and have SNWA receive a credit for those savings.
 - d). Purchase water from Arizona
 - e). Stop all growth in Las Vegas
 - f). Invest in desalination plants on the Pacific Coast or in Mexico.
 - g). Consider all other options that may be available to SNWA.

Also please consider the water rates to Southern Nevada customers due to the pipeline costs. Also please consider the fact that Southern Nevada Water Authority has options available, but eastern Nevada citizens **DO NOT!** If their water supply is taken from them what happens to them and where do they go?

Respectfully,


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