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Dear Mr. King,

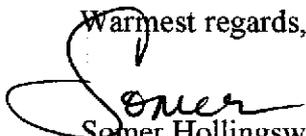
I am writing to express support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for unappropriated groundwater in Spring, Delamar, Dry Lake and Cave Valleys in Nevada. These resources are critical to Nevada's ability to continue to attract and retain businesses and rebound from these current economic conditions.

The Nevada Development Authority (NDA) is a non-profit agency that works to diversify and improve the economy of Southern Nevada. As such, we realize that economic stability and regional progress are linked to a community's available water resources. Southern Nevada is in need of a reliable and secure water supply. Our conservation efforts are among the most innovative and efficient in the nation, but the drought persists, and conservation is not enough. It is an unfortunate situation, but it is our reality.

The economy of Southern Nevada is vital to the overall well-being of the State of Nevada. Without a secured water supply, businesses will not only cease viewing Southern Nevada as a hospitable environment, but we would also lose currently established businesses. In our current climate, we cannot afford this, as a community or as a state.

Southern Nevada's economic future depends upon a long-term reliable water supply. The SNWA groundwater applications in these valleys are necessary to meet that goal and their approval is in the best interest of our state. I urge the Nevada State Engineer to grant these applications in accordance with Nevada water law.

Warmest regards,

  
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President and CEO

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