



**Southern Nevada
Home
Builders Association**

October 4, 2011

Jason King, P.E.
State Engineer
Attention: Susan Joseph-Taylor
Chief Hearing Officer
901 S. Stewart St., Suite 2002
Carson City, NV 89701-5250

Dear Mr. King:

Southern Nevada Home Builders Association understands the challenges associated with unpredictability. Economic conditions have severely impacted the housing and community development industry, and we are certain that any disruption to Southern Nevada's water resources would only worsen our own situation. To this end, we urge the Nevada State Engineer to approve the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) applications for groundwater in Spring, Delamar, Cave and Dry Lake valleys.

Like many industries in Southern Nevada, the home building industry depends on a reliable water supply. From local homebuilders to suppliers and construction professionals, we support thousands of jobs that benefit Nevada's economy. To ensure job opportunities continue, Southern Nevada must have predictable water resources.

The SNWA's groundwater development project provides protection from Colorado River drought conditions. Additionally, it diversifies water resources available to this community, which offers a level of certainty that the local home building industry will have a consistent water supply when economic conditions improve.

Although the past few years have presented a number of challenges to the home building industry, we expect recovery as populations are expected to continue to increase in the future. As our housing market improves, the hope is that there are not other unexpected challenges that impact this industry.

On behalf of the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association and its over 300 members, I urge the State Engineer's approval of the SNWA's groundwater applications.

Sincerely,



Irene Porter
Executive Director/CEO

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