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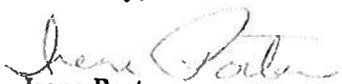
Dear Ms Wood:

The Southern Nevada Home Builders Association has followed with interest the variety of economic, political and environmental arguments for and against the proposed Groundwater Development Project for Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties. Just recently, we had the opportunity to review the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and found the reporting of impacts carefully enumerated and firmly believe adequate mitigation measures have been incorporated into the project plans to offset identified negative environmental impacts. We also believe that the economic benefits to the citizens of the State of Nevada particularly those in the Las Vegas Valley are indeed significant.

Like many industries in Southern Nevada, the home building industry relies on an adequate and sustained water supply now and for the future. This project assures water availability for current and future demands and clearly provides the necessary protection from the potential drought conditions we are facing in the climate futures for the arid Southwest. Like all the important industries that characterize the economy of Southern Nevada, there is no doubt that water unavailability would lead to devastating impacts for the Southern Nevada Home Building Community.

On behalf of the Southern Nevada Home Builders Association and its nearly 300 members, I am pleased to extend our support for the SNWA Groundwater Development Project. .

Sincerely,



Irene Porter  
Executive Director/CEO  
Southern Nevada Home Builders Association