



CITY OF HENDERSON
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September 29, 2011

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9:00 OCT 03 2011
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Penny Woods
Project Manager
Bureau of Land Management
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Reno, Nevada 89520-0006

Dear Ms. Woods:

As Mayor of Nevada's second largest city, I understand the importance of water issues in this state. I also understand the difficulty in balancing the needs of Nevada residents with the environment, agriculture and other existing uses when making decisions regarding our most precious resource.

The more than 250,000 residents of the City of Henderson rely upon the Colorado River for their water. Currently, we are able to meet all of our community's water needs with this resource. However, a sustained drought on the Colorado River suggests that Henderson and Southern Nevada may need to look into other resource options to meet our water demands.

While I remain very concerned about the viability of this project, I encourage you to fully explore the Southern Nevada Water Authority's proposal to transport water from Lincoln and White Pine counties to Clark County and to preserve it as an option for our community. I would also urge you to use discretion and the best science available when making your decision.

If you decide to grant the necessary rights-of-way for the project, I would encourage you to ensure that environmental resources are protected **throughout** the state. The National Environmental Policy Act has served us well for many years and will continue to protect the residents and industries in Nevada and other states as long as it is applied correctly. I trust that you will weigh these and other issues when considering the SNWA's applications for rights-of-way.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Hafen", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Andy A. Hafen
Mayor

DBP/dmr

cc: Councilman Sam Bateman
Councilman Debra March
Councilman Gerri Schroder
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