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Ms. Penny Woods
Project Manager
Bureau of Land Management
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Reno, NV 89520-0006

RE: SNWA Rights-of-Way for Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties; Groundwater Development Project

Dear Ms. Woods:

On behalf of Boyd Gaming Corporation, I am writing in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's request for rights of way in order to utilize groundwater resources from all five basins in its proposed Groundwater Development Project.

The Authority has a strong environmental track record and is recognized as a responsible steward of our resources. Our understanding is that the Authority has conducted extensive environmental impact studies, and will undertake significant environmental protection practices to ensure the safety of the land used for this project. We are confident, based on these plans and the Authority's reputation, that this project can be executed in a safe and sustainable manner.

I also want to emphasize the importance of the Groundwater Development Project to the future of the southern Nevada economy. Studies clearly indicate that uncertainty over the long-term availability of adequate water resources in southern Nevada – whether real or perceived – would severely undermine our region's ability to attract new industries and companies. Existing businesses could be deterred from expanding their presence in this community as well. Job growth could be stunted and the entire southern Nevada economy would suffer. Given that Clark County accounts for a substantial majority of Nevada's population, tax revenue and economic activity, the impact of a long-term slowdown in southern Nevada would be felt throughout the state.

The Clark County community has been vigilant in our efforts to conserve water. But we cannot solve this problem with conservation alone. Our community must secure stable new water resources. For this reason, we respectfully request that the Bureau of Land Management approve the Authority's request for rights of way.

Sincerely,

KEITH SMITH
President and
Chief Executive Officer