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9:00 A.M.

Dear Ms. Woods:

On behalf of the members of the Associated General Contractors, Las Vegas Chapter, I am writing to you in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's Groundwater Development Project.

To grow and prosper, Southern Nevada's construction industry must have a reliable, dependable water supply. For the past decade, we've come to realize how vitally important it is for the Southern Nevada community to insulate itself from the adverse effects of drought.

There is a demonstrable need for Southern Nevada to access these resources. However, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement fails to address the economic and social consequences that could befall Clark County should the SNWA Groundwater Development Project not proceed. However, the DEIS does include a detailed analysis of what effects the project may have on Lincoln and White Pine counties.

In the interest of fairness and with the knowledge that Southern Nevada provides the lion's share of the state's economic output, this discrepancy must be addressed in the DEIS.

For Las Vegas specifically and Nevada as a whole to re-establish its economic vitality, the SNWA's project must be permitted to move forward. We trust you to make a fair decision that will ensure Nevada will be able to continue to prosper. The construction industry depends upon this process and the results of your decision.

Sincerely,



Steve Holloway
Executive Vice President
Associated General Contractors, Las Vegas Chapter

