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I can't find the official form to respond in re the stealing of water by the SNWA.

In reading over the Summary you sent me, I see, on page ES-9 that the State Water Engineer has certain obligations, one of which is to protect prior water users. I would assume that the prior water users in the affected water basins have water rights way older than Las Vegas. After all, Las Vegas only grew after Boulder Dam was built and after World War Two.

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It is a travesty that the Water Engineer approved SNWA's water applications in 1989. What happened to the water rights of ranchers and others that probably ~~preceede~~ preceed SNWA by fifty to seventy-five years?

As far as Las Vegas is concerned, they should be forced to live within their own resources and not be able to confiscate rights from others. Their greed will not stop with Lincoln and White Pine Counties. The SNWA does not represent Nevadans. These are outsiders who really don't care about

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the State. They only care about their bottom line. Somebody suggested they should ship in ocean water and desalinate it. Not a bad idea, however, its probably easier for them to appropriate someone else's water.

Las Vegas lost alot of people during this recession, and, by the number of empty houses, ~~have~~ has not bounced back. This recession is far from over, so I don't see the probability of Las Vegas expanding by tens of thousands.

Lastly, Las Vegas neither grows anything, or mines anything. It is

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strictly A place of ENTERTAINMENT AND VICE. I do not believe they Should be able to TAKE WATER from GROWERS, wildlife AND ANYONE ELSE in LINCOLN AND WHITE PINE COUNTIES.

AS FAR AS LAS VEGAS'S contribution to the STATE COFFERS, I SUSPECT they USE MORE THAN THEY contribute.

AGAIN, I VEHMENTLY OPPOSE the DEWATERING PLAN OF SNWA.

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