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Subject: Comments on Draft EIS for the Groundwater Development Project.

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Dear Ms. Woods;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft EIS for the Groundwater Development Project.

I have been involved in natural resources management and planning for all of my professional life. I am extremely concerned about the lasting and severe impacts of the proposed project, with the loss of water resources over a region that can ill afford to lose them, either environmentally and economically. The Western Utah and Eastern Nevada deserts are fragile and ecologically unique, and will be devastated by regional de watering.

Like most people, I have little time to keep abreast of such assaults on natural resources while I try to maintain my own life. I am busy and struggling to survive in this economy, yet I feel that contacting you is important enough to take the time to write. I am concerned that the identified "purpose and need" to take all of the water resources that support the Nevada desert is to steal water for Southern Nevada. The very premise of continuing massive development in a desert with no water resources should be analyzed. Water resources in other areas of Nevada should not be put to this use. Development should be occurring in areas that have enough resources to support growth, and the Southern Nevada desert does not have those resources.

I am also concerned about the elements of the DEIS that seem poorly addressed: there are no well analyzed costs of the project. the cost and efficacy of proposed mitigation and analysis of true alternatives, such as conservation and recycling of existing water, has not been well analyzed or even considered.

Please do not approve this project, as it will have permanent, disastrous results.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

With best regards,
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