

August 15, 2011

Penny Woods
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RE: SNWA Rights-of-Way for In-state Groundwater Project

Dear Ms. Woods:

I am writing in support of the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) effort to obtain rights-of-way across land managed by the BLM. It is my understanding that SNWA's need for the project is to diversify its water resources to ensure it can continue to meet water supply obligations and projected water demands.

The economic slowdown over the last few years has been especially challenging for businesses in Southern Nevada. It is important that we help our economy rebound and flourish again. Without a reliable and adequate water supply, that recovery and future jobs are at risk.

As the President and Chief Executive Officer of an organization that represents thousands of small, medium and large companies that employ more than 200,000 Nevadans, please consider the extent and scope of the negative economic impact that would take place if the residents and businesses in Clark County do not have reliable access to water.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,



Kristin McMillan
President & CEO