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Dear Ms. Woods,

I am submitting this letter to register my support for the Southern Nevada Water Authority and its Groundwater Development Project plans.

Buffeted for more than a decade by drought, the SNWA has devised plans for a project that will safeguard the community from ongoing water shortages on the Colorado River without causing undue harm to the fragile environment of eastern Nevada.

While predicting the effects of groundwater withdrawals is an inexact science, I know the SNWA is committed to developing a management approach that will determine whether and how additional environmental protection measures should be implemented as part of its project.

Through rigorous monitoring practices and standard-operating procedures, in addition to measures it has stipulated with governmental agencies at all levels, the SNWA has identified numerous steps it will take during the project's construction and operational phases to help protect the wildlife and fauna of eastern Nevada.

In addition to addressing environmental concerns, the project will provide a much-needed boost the region's economic prospects by preserving jobs and vital tax revenues generated in Southern Nevada. For these and many other crucial reasons, I support the Bureau of Land Management's proposed action as the preferred alternative for SNWA's project and believe the SNWA should be granted rights-of-way to utilize water resources from all six basins in its proposed plan of development.

Sincerely,

Brian Unguren