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**RE: Environmental Impact Statement for SNWA Proposed Groundwater Project**

Dear Ms. Woods:

On behalf of the residents of Boulder City, Nevada, I am writing in support of the Bureau of Land Management's proposed action as the preferred alternative for the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) application for rights-of-way in order to convey water from Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys to southern Nevada.

This groundwater project is vital to the residents of Boulder City, which currently relies on the Colorado River and Lake Mead for its entire water supply. Having groundwater available will help act as a buffer in case of prolonged future drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin and from other unforeseen circumstances, such as climate change. In short, Southern Nevada needs a secondary water supply that isn't associated with the Colorado River.

We were disappointed to see that the Draft EIS does not include a more in depth analysis on the impacts on Southern Nevada should the project not be built. Moreover, we are certain that the SNWA will pay careful attention to monitoring and mitigation for this project since water in Nevada is a precious resource that is owned by all of our state's citizens - and is something that we should not use irresponsibly.

Sincerely,

Roger Tobler  
Mayor  
Boulder City, Nevada