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Susan Joseph-Taylor
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Dear Susan Joseph-Taylor:

I am writing you in regards to the proposed pipeline project by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) to pump water from wells in Lincoln and White Pine counties to the Las Vegas Valley in Southern Nevada.

Currently, the SNWA is in the process of constructing a third straw in Lake Meade, which will be used in the event that the water level in the lake drops below a given elevation. Provided this project is completed successfully and the Colorado River continues to feed the lake with plenty of water the SNWA states that the pipeline may not be needed. The problem with this assumption is that the Clark County Commission continues to permit massive housing developments to be built. An example of this is the new development that Jim Rhodes wants to build on Blue Diamond Hill. This development is proposed to be 5,500 new homes. Other developments are also proposed. Permitting this type of development in the Valley just doesn't make sense and will give the SNWA the excuse to build the pipeline.

The pipeline proposed could very well end life as we know it in both counties and western Utah. Those areas could very well become nothing more than dust bowls which couldn't support wildlife or ranches. Nevada has always had water problems and we shouldn't create more for expanding the development of the Las Vegas Valley. I therefore recommend that you disapprove this project. A strong message needs to be sent to the SNWA and the Clark County Commission that continued development needs to end to insure water is available to the communities of the valley from the current sources.

Sincerely,



Mark Trexler

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