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Snake Valley Comments
Utah Division of Natural Resources
Division of Water Rights

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I do not want to see Southern Nevada Water Authority pumping and piping water out of the Snake Valley, the Spring Valley, or anywhere else in Northern Nevada. As a concerned resident of Millard County, Utah and a former resident of Eureka County, Nevada who has ranched in Millard, Beaver, Sevier, Piute, and Grand counties in Utah and in Eureka and Elko Counties in Nevada, I would advise Southern Nevada water authority to get their water out of the Pacific Ocean, as opposed to the Great Basin, one of the driest areas on Earth. Resorts in the Cayman Islands get their water out of the ocean; why not Las Vegas? The technology to process and use ocean water has been used by this country since before World War II (Marshall Island). I do not want to see the springs, wild meadows, and range lands that I love dry up and blow North onto the Wasatch Front making it impossible for those people to make a living. Because they proposed such a scheme, Southern Nevada Water Authority is not to be trusted.

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I do not know how we would have gotten Lehman Cave in Great
Clim National Park without water; and I do not know how we will
preserve it without water.

I personally own geothermal rights in Millard County. I am the
president of a mineral company, Paxton Mineral, which owns some
32,000 acres of geothermal rights in and around Millard County.
I though steam is a mineral (U.S. Supreme Court), I am not sure
how we could get it without water. West Central Utah and
North East Central Nevada are great potential geothermal resources.
We need sustainable clean, green, long term, dependable
renewable energy production in both Utah and Nevada.
We have geothermal production near Minersville and
Milford in Western Beaver County, Utah; and we have
great and proven geothermal resources at Sulphurdale and
Cove Fort on the Millard/Beaver County line. Do we
stake our future to guarantee the less than risky future
of broke and failed Las Vegas?

Please protect our ranch, range, and farm lands; our
national parks and scenic wonders; our homes, businesses,
factories, farms, home gardens, and transportation systems
from dry dusty winds blowing from and through parched
lands.

We need our property, water, and mineral rights protected
so we might have a green, clean, sustainable future.

Sincerely,
Irene Paxton

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There is production and great potential for geothermal resources in Big and Little Snockey Valleys in Northern Nevada. We should allow Southern Utah and Northern Nevada to develop and use their own natural resources. We should allow the Wasatch Front a clean air particulate free future. Southern Nevada Water Authority should be allowed to advance no further with their plans to pipe water out of Northern Nevada to Las Vegas.

- J. P.

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