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

Division of Water Rights:

Paxton Mineral is a Utah corporation which owns and leases mineral rights in Utah and Colorado. We are interested in holding, protecting, and developing our mineral rights. Our mineral interests are in gas, oil, hydrocarbons, geothermal sources, and other minerals. We have significant mineral interests in Millard and Beaver Counties; and we believe that great geothermal potential exists in many of the areas where we hold these mineral rights.

The stockholders, board of directors, and officers of Paxton Mineral Corporation believe that the pumping and piping of water from the Snake Valley, or any area of Nevada just across the Utah/Nevada state line from Millard and Beaver Counties, by the Southern Nevada Water Authority would adversely impact our geothermal rights. We believe that the aquifers of the Great Basin are interconnected and that the removal of huge amounts of water from the Great Salt Lake Groundwater Flow System in a transbasin water diversion from this area to Las Vegas would have a tremendous adverse effect

on our geothermal rights.

I personally own geothermal rights in Millard County; and I, like Paxton Mineral Corporation, believe that, though geothermal rights are mineral rights and not water rights, water is essential to the production of geothermal energy.

We have geothermal production in the Milford/Minersville area. Plover City has produced geothermal energy at Sulphurdale near the Millard/Beaver County line in Northern Beaver County. We have geothermal production in Big Smoky Valley in Nevada. There is great geothermal potential in the Fillmore/Kanosh/Cove Fort area. Much of Western South Central Utah and North Eastern Nevada has geothermal potential. The Milford Heat Wildfire gave indication of what would happen to this great natural resource area if it were allowed to dry up (reminiscent of the Owens Valley in California) and blow North to the Salt Lake City/Plover area. Let us not pump and pipe the water from the Great Basin, one of the driest areas on Earth, to Las Vegas. Let us all have a clean, fresh, clear water; blue sky; clean, green energy future; in Utah and Northern Nevada. Let Las Vegas pump and pipe their water from the Pacific Ocean; it is more abundant there than it is in the Great Basin.

Respectfully,  
 Frank Paxton  
 President, Paxton Mineral Corporation