

Fr. James Peter Rogers, O.P.
St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center

170 University St.
Salt Lake City, UT 84102

Tel: (801) 359-6066
Fax: (801) 359-4547

Snake Valley Agreement
c/o Utah Department of Natural Resources
Division of Water Rights
1594 West North Temple, Suite 220
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

September 29, 2009

Governor Gary Herbert;

I am strongly opposed to allowing Nevada pump water from the Snake Valley aquifer and pipe it to Las Vegas. Having visited that city, I am appalled at the decadence allowed casinos in creating lakes, rivers, and waterfalls that are nothing but wasteful, considering that the city has outstripped available water. The hotel casinos should be rationed water according to the needs of the guests, and be forced to fill their lakes and rivers with desert landscaping, fitting to the natural environment.

Why should Utah farmers have to suffer financial ruin, and our Utah nature be forever negatively altered due to the wastefulness of a city that would have sufficient water if it did not waste so much. Let Utah and the nation see how Las Vegas will take its own steps of water conservation before coming to its neighbors to beg for more water to fill its artificial hotel lakes and rivers.

Sincerely,


James Peter Rogers

RECEIVED

OCT 01 2009 AA

WATER RIGHTS
SALT LAKE