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To: Kaelyn Anfinsen
Date: 8/19/2009 10:36 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re:Inquiry from Chris Christensen

Could you please get someone to respond to the constituent below referred by the Governor's Office. Make sure I get a copy of the response. Thanks!

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>>> Constituent Services <constituentservices@utah.gov> 8/19/2009 10:32 AM >>>

Below is an inquiry which was received by the Governor's Office of Constituent Services on 08/19/2009. Please respond directly to the constituent and reply to this email with a copy of your response by 9/2/2009.

Chris Christensen

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Email Address:christen1sg@beyondbb.com

SUBJECT:
Dear Governor,

I have absolutely no connection to the Snake River Valley water issue other than my experience of "what happens in Vegas" is always at the expense of others.

When deciding on the water issue, please, PLEASE reflect on what happened in California's Owens River Valley. This area was once a wonderful growing area. Now, it is only dust and weeds. The plan was to use the water wisely and not jeopardize the the growth there. It is now all sand.

Las Vegas, I lived there for over 30 years, will continue to drain any and all water sources dry in an effort to satisfy its own needs without concern for its impact anyone or thing.

I have seen how unnoticed loopholes affect their advantages - when it is too late to do anything. Las Vegas keeps reminding its citizens to not waste water, encourages them to use less, promotes the reduction in green yards. Did I mention that all the golf courses and walkways have their own "rules?" I remember, when we were under a water usage advisory driving to dinner and noticing that at two golf courses we passed, the sprinklers were just spraying away - in bright sunlight.

Las Vegas wasn't built on winners...Please don't be duped by what you may be "sold." We love living in Utah and are so glad we made the move. I guess I've become protective of Utah's beauty and extremely wise management of land usage.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion,

Chris Christensen
St. George