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Considering the fact that all of the scientific and legal arguments regarding the proposed pipeline have been presented in many forms already I feel I would be remiss if I did not present a few personal impacts that the project would surely have on hundreds, if not thousands, of Nevadans.

Though it is agreeable that the pipeline would create many jobs for Las Vegans. (all trade labor jurisdictions for Las Vegas unions reach to highway 6, Reno workers have jurisdiction North of that highway) Pipelines, historically, do not have "man camps" that are provided to the workers as the work progresses from point "A" to point "B". This lack of facilities will undoubtedly cause great harm to the surrounding environment, as getting the work done will be paramount to personal hygiene and care for the surroundings. You can imagine how bodily functions will be achieved all along the proposed path. Also, travel to and from the Las Vegas area will put a serious burden on the existing two lane road ways as well as the desert paths and trails that must be constructed and re-built at the end of the project, never to the pre-existing state that it was.

Growth in rural Nevada is becoming more and more attractive, especially to the present or soon to be retirees, due to crowding, high prices of utilities, crime, and various other reasons in the So. Nevada area. If the stories that the aquifer in question is factually fossil water then as the area grows the water will dissipate slowly on it's own without the use from So. Nevada. Once a given amount is granted to the So. Nev. Water Authority it will only be a matter of time before more and more is required to sustain the un-quenchable thirst of an ever growing community with no regulation of that growth. Incrementalism, I believe, is the term. The many, many homes and businesses that rely on wells for their existence, that were dug and/or paid for by the land owners, will surely be affected by the lowering of the aquifer and they will either have to drill again, or drill deeper to maintain that existence.

The economy of Las Vegas and So. Nevada is not a science, nor is it Nevada law to maintain that economy or standard of life. To allow North Eastern Nevada to be placed in jeopardy because of what I believe is spoiled greed is morally wrong no matter the science and law behind it.

For informational purposes I lived in Henderson from 1957 to 2000, in Goodsprings from 2000 thru 2010, and now in Caliente, where I have retired for reasons mentioned above, and piece of mind. My concern for So. Nevada is as deep as it was throughout my life there, but more needs to be done to make that area sustain itself and not just keep building a tax base for the state to exploit.

I hope you will consider some of the aspects of this project that are out of the realm of science and Nevada law. Thank you for your time and consideration, Mike Mead

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