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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for allowing written comments. I will keep this letter brief, and just say that I fully support the comments that Central Nevada Regional Water Authority and Eureka County have or will provide.

There is one thought that I had that I don't think has been mentioned. I believe that the primary reason SNWA has pushed this process, at the state level and federal level, is to accommodate Harvey Whittemore and the Coyote Springs development. SNWA is saying that they do not need the water, at the earliest, until 2030. But, they need to prepare and start building the pipeline. This does not make sense except to help the Coyote Springs project. Harvey Whittemore bought the Geyser Ranch in Lake Valley for the sole reason, so he would have water for his project. But the only way that he can get his water from the Geyser Ranch to Coyote Springs is through the SNWA pipeline. Coyote Spring does not get developed without this pipeline. Using public money for this is not right and it is not right to allow SNWA to tie up this water that they may never need.

One solution or decision you could render is to deny these 1989 applications and tell SNWA to spend the next ten years or so developing good accurate models and data and come back at a future date with their 2010 applications and have a new complete set of hearing. Please know that I don't say this lightly. The thoughts of another hearing is not appealing to me, but if they truly need the water and this is not just for Coyote Spring there is no reason they cannot wait.

Sincerely,


Gary Perea
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