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Jason King, P.E., State Engineer Division of Water Resources State of Nevada 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 2002 Carson City, NV 89701

Dear Mr. King:

The Howard Hughes Corporation is the master plan developer of the Summerlin planned community in Clark County, which is the largest planned community in Nevada, both by size and residents. Our company owns more than 6,500 acres of undeveloped land in Clark County and relies on the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) and its member agencies for the majority of its water services. As the Las Vegas Valley's population continues to grow, more commercial and residential development will be necessary and having adequate water resources is paramount to any development plan.

Our company continues to express support for the SNWA's applications for unused groundwater in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys, as we believe it is vital to diversity southern Nevada's water resources. The SNWA's use of a monitoring, management and mitigation plan will help preserve and protect groundwater and stream flows in northeastern Nevada, while at the same time ensuring that southern Nevada receives the resources it needs to continue to support more than two million residents and more than two million visitors. In addition, the SNWA's implementation of adaptive management will allow the organization to be quick and responsive to any environmental changes and will allow for the effective and efficient mitigation of any issues or concerns.

I thank you for considering the SNWA's applications and am hopeful that southern Nevada will be able to receive the resources it greatly needs to continue to thrive. Any decision to approve the SNWA's application will not only benefit southern Nevada but our state as a whole.

Sincerely,

Kevin T. Orrock
President, Summerlin

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