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Jason King, P.E., State Engineer
Office of the State Engineer
Division of Water Resources
State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 2002
Carson City, NV 89701

Re: Water Basin Adjudications

Dear Mr. King:

As you are aware, the Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands spends the 18 months between legislative sessions studying policies related to public land and water resource issues in Nevada. The Committee travels throughout the state and hears from citizens, local elected officials, agency personnel, interest groups, private organizations, conservation groups, and various water districts and authorities, about their concerns and priorities.

This interim, the Committee received testimony from several parties regarding the need for the Office of the State Engineer to complete adjudication of water basins in Nevada in order to help bring finality to claims to water and reduce conflicts. In response, the Legislative Committee on Public Lands voted unanimously to send this letter encouraging the Office of the State Engineer, Division of Water Resources, to complete remaining adjudications.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Alysa Keller, Committee Policy Analyst (775/684-6825, email: <u>Alysa.Keller@lcb.state.nv.us</u>), if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Heidi Swank, Chair

Nevada Legislative Committee on Public Lands

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