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State of Nevada Assembly

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Re: Grant Funding for the Marlette Lake Water System

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Nevada's Legislative Committee for the Review and Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Marlette Lake Water System (MLWS), it is my pleasure to write a letter of support for this grant application being submitted by the State Public Works Division (SPWD) of the Department of Administration. The SPWD is seeking funds to enable critical improvements to the MLWS that will ensure ongoing operations of the water system and the safety of the public.

The MLWS is a historically significant system; it dates back to the 1870s and was purchased by the State of Nevada in 1963. The system today is comprised of two reservoirs supported by earthen dams (Marlette Lake and Hobart Reservoir), a concrete diversion dam, water storage tanks, water catchments, approximately 7 miles of high pressure inverted siphon, and 36 miles of water transmission lines. This system provides water to both Storey County and Carson City residents, and is the only water source for Virginia City, Gold Hill, and Silver City. Marlette Lake and Hobart Reservoir are located within the Nevada State Parks System and function as fish hatcheries for Nevada's Department of Wildlife.

The improvements provided by these funds will offer stability for those who rely on the MLWS for their water supply, safety for those who live downstream of the earthen dams, and an ongoing source of recreation for Nevada's residents and visitors. Along with the unanimous support of the Committee, I fully endorse the efforts of the SPWD as they seek funding to improve this system.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Sprinkle".

Assemblyman Michael C. Sprinkle, Chair
Legislative Committee for the Review and
Oversight of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
and the Marlette Lake Water System