

Opportunity, privilege, all realize importance of water, fully aware political base created by those living in Las Vegas area, obligation offer solutions to this problem of fairly allocating water between urban and rural areas

Where do we start?

BASE LINE and Inventory – what is certificated today
What do we actually have

Recorded Water Rights for
Municipal, Industrial, domestic, irrigation, livestock, power plants

Reconcile deeded with what is under application now, historical use, active use, proofs of beneficial uses, remind you nothing is in a vacuum, human life, disease, and most especially water. We must tie all this information together to arrive at the facts.

POTENTIAL water, actual water, vested rights
Look at all applications made and
Put together a history of these uses, water companies, deeds, measurements, owners of land and uses

Itemize acres of private land where surface and sub-surface water creates productive meadow or pasture lands

List areas where water tables are a factor in meadows and pastures

Create a monitoring system for these areas of wet lands, tailored to measure occasional and intense periods of wetland on a site by site basis

Any water exportation from one basin to another by a pipeline or via the Colorado River must not be allowed to negatively impact the exporting basins. The existing long term uses should be honored, be they human, wildlife, or other parts of nature such as plants or animals. It is widely talked about that there should be water left for a future in the exporting areas. One thing we agree on.

Just how do we achieve these goals?

1. We create a base line of what is here now, what has been here historically. To be credible and widely accepted, this baseline must not be a one point in time measurement, but rather one that is established with the use of history and perfected with knowledge and time. It must be credible and widely accepted.

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2. As you well know, our water law is based on Prior Appropriation. This started out with the use of surface waters. Water used for beneficial purposes before any water laws were written is viewed as a Vested Right. Surface water law comes before any underground water law. The idea that the water in our springs and wetlands must stand ahead of any underground applications must be held sacred, continued and be viewed as the higher priority. We must gather all possible information about undeveloped water and widely study this data by every interested party.

There is a stark difference between these water exportation projects and one more municipal or agricultural well for our rural areas. The pipeline projects should not be considered in the same way or a decision made with that same approach. If the pipeline is built, the consequences on water are of another magnitude and life cycle in time.

3. The best possible water budget (volume and location not dollars) should be developed and accepted by as many stake holders as possible. This budget should use history, geology, hydrology, scientific evaluation and then testing with monitoring, BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER. There should be no agreement as to the amount of water to be exported or other considerations until all this information is developed and viewed by all.

Closest to my heart, 41 years on 16 acres subirrigated Panaca Valley, too wet to harvest, now so dry have to haul water to my cattle May thru September. Why, wide use of sprinkler systems in our valley. When stop pumping in October, water table rises and field is again sub-irrigated.

If all this water that these various entities are proposing to mine is available now, just where is that water going today? What will be the effect on our environment of any change in that place or route?

Water miners have all promised they will not harm our lifestyle. Lots of talk about agreements, river water pacts, banking, desalination. Make them put it in writing. Look to you to craft legislation that will keep them honest and us whole.