

February 2, 2007

Hon. Thomas Shedden
Hearing Officer
Arizona Office of Administrative Hearings

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Dear Hearing Officer Shedden:

Our names are Carl E. and Gwen Uhrich. We are residents of Beaver Dam Arizona. We are writing to protest the application for a permit to transfer water from Beaver Dam Wash in northern Arizona to the State of Nevada.

There are several reasons we strongly protest this transfer:

We believe that taking 14,000 acre feet of water from the Mormon Wells area of the Beaver Dam Wash will dry up Beaver Dam wash and cause problems for the water company that serves our home.

As a growing community we are just developing a competent fire department and without adequate water we wouldn't have fire protection.

This area is growing, which means there will be more tax dollars for the State of Arizona and Mohave County. If we lose any of our local water, the area is not going to have potential growth, and in fact could reduce the values of the homes that are currently here. Again, that decrease affects both county and state revenues.

Threatened species of wildlife will suffer. Natural springs charged by the aquifer exist here. Most of the springs are used by natural wildlife and support riparian habitat and wetlands.

The Mohave County area plan calls for a reservoir up Beaver Dam Wash for flood control and recreational use. This application has no provision for this, which would negatively affect the area plan.

If Virgin Valley Water District has enough surplus water to sell it to the Southern Nevada Water Authority they surely do not need to take Arizona's water.

State of Nevada continues to acquire acreage from BLM to sell to developers through Federal Land Acts creating government property to private property without water rights.

Nevada does not need this water. Local newspapers report that the Virgin Valley Water District has plenty of water and there are no health concerns with Nevada water. They just haven't kept up with their building and need to concentrate on increasing the amount of water that can be utilized.

Any water taken from this area should be used in this area. This is only fair to the residents of Arizona.

Respectfully,
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