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Hon. Thomas Shedden
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Arizona Office of Administrative Hearings

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Dear Hearing Officer Shedden:

My name is Edward N. Basha III. I am a resident of Chandler, Arizona. I am writing to protest the application for a permit to transfer water from Beaver Dam Wash in northern Arizona to the State of Nevada.

My family's company has business interests throughout the State of Arizona. As a result we try and keep in touch with the major issues that affect the quality of life for all of Arizonans. This issue above was brought to our attention through several concerned citizens. It is our understanding that Arizona statutes require that the applicant submit hydrologic studies showing the probable hydrologic impact on the area from which the water will be transported. A.R.S. § 45-292(B)(6). We further understand that the studies included in this application are not adequate. Most of the information is old, and not specific to this proposed transfer.

In our desert state, water is one of our most precious resources. Fundamentally, we have a problem with allowing this resource to be transferred to another state. Nevada should provide

It is also our understanding that Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano appointed a Statewide Water Advisory Group (SWAG) which has been meeting for months to address the shortage of water in rural Arizona. Mohave County was identified by that group as one of the most critical areas in the state for many reasons one of which was the concern that new users would undercut the water supplies of existing users. This application would only serve to make that impact worse.

For the reasons above we request that you deny the application.

Respectfully,

Edward N. Basha III