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Dear Mr. Olds:

Reference is made to your letter of February 25, 2005 concerning a public meeting to be held at the West Desert High School, on Tuesday, March 15, 2005. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed Southern Nevada Water Authority development project in Eastern Nevada and the likely concerns on water resources in Western Utah.

As the owner of Water Right 18-303 (A38512), the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is very much interested in protecting our interest and ownership in the waters that supply our water right in the West Desert. As such, we would like to express our opposition to any water development in Eastern Nevada that could adversely affect these water rights.

We were not able to attend the public meeting held on March 15, 2005 as mentioned above and, therefore, would like this letter to represent our position on this important subject.

Sincerely,

James R. Baird P.E., P.L.S
Deputy Director of Right of Way