2,000 AF withdrawal limitations per management square (in the western region). This flexibility would allow the State Engineer to make determinations which are in the public interest for groundwater remedial projects, such as the southwest consent decree project, that are complex, yet logical in a comprehensive manner and which are in the public interest.

**Applications Pending Prior to March 25, 1999**

The meeting with your staff on March 25, 1999 began valuable discussion which will ultimately lead to a final Salt Lake Valley Groundwater Management Plan. This process will involve comments by affected agencies, reconsideration by your staff, and further meetings.

However, some applications were submitted and pending your action prior to the March 25th meeting. The District has some change applications which were awaiting your consideration prior to this meeting. We recommend that such applications be considered under the guidelines which existed prior to the proposed Groundwater Management Plan. However, you could allow those applicants to submit additional information to demonstrate how those applications can be mitigated to generally accomplish the intent of the current Draft Groundwater Management Plan, or are otherwise reasonable and in the public interest.

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Salt Lake Valley Groundwater Management Plan. We look forward to further discussions with you and your staff in this important effort.

Sincerely,

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