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The Utah Division of Water Rights invites you to attend a public meeting at the West Desert High School, on Tuesday, March 15, 2005 at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing the proposed Southern Nevada Water Authority development project in Eastern Nevada, and the likely concerns on water resources in Western Utah.

The Southern Nevada groundwater project is an ambitious effort aimed at pumping a large amount of groundwater from wells located in Clark, Lincoln, and White Pine Counties, Nevada, (some of which are to be located near the Utah/Nevada state line) and delivering the water to the Las Vegas area to meet their growing water needs. Congress passed and the President of the United States signed public law 108-424 in late November 2004 which grants rights of way across federal land for the project subject to certain conditions.

We think now is an important time to identify Utah concerns and discuss opportunities to provide input concerning water resource issues as decisions are made regarding the project. We look forward to meeting you and discussing this important issue. If you have questions which need to be addressed prior to the meeting, please contact Boyd Clayton at (801) 538-7390.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, but would like to provide input, please send your written comments to the address below.

Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Olds, P.E.
State Engineer

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