IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

In the matter of Application Number **71171**

FILED BY **THE SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY,**
ON **MAY 6, 2004,** TO APPROPRIATE THE WATERS
OF **UNDERGROUND, APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES W- SW OF INDIAN SPRINGS, NV**

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Comes now **Indian Springs Civic Association.**
whose post office address is...**P.O. BOX 1, INDIAN SPRINGS, NV 89018.**
whose occupation is **A non-profit community association** and protests the granting of Application Number **71171**, filed on **May 6, 2004**
by **The Southern Nevada Water Authority** to appropriate the waters of **Underground, approximately 10 miles W- SW of Indian Springs, NV**
situated in **Clark** County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

The Indian Springs Civic Association (ISCA) protests Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Application # 71171, and associated applications (#71167 through#71173 inclusive), and requests that the Nevada State Engineer deny this and the associated applications without further consideration or hearing.

According to information contained in the files of the Nevada Division of Water Resources, there is no groundwater available for appropriation in Basin 161. Existing senior water rights exceed the currently accepted perennial yield of this basin, which the State Engineer has declared is already over-allocated.

Many senior water rights and domestic wells in Indian Springs depend on return flow from the Springs (for which the community is named) which may be adversely affected by the amount of water SNWA proposes to remove from the basin. In addition to these seven applications, SNWA currently has applications (not acted on, as of this date) for groundwater at proposed sites in Tickapoo and Three Lakes Valleys—two wells are planned for at locations less than 3 miles east of the town of Indian Springs. These areas, including the flow through Indian Springs, are all in the same Death Valley Flow System. Senior water rights and domestic well owners may be adversely affected by decline in water availability, quality, and increased costs.

If granted, these SNWA applications would adversely affect the public interest of the communities of Indian Springs/Cactus Springs. Any resulting environmental degradation such as damage to the flow of Indian Springs and Cactus Springs, loss of species, loss of habitat, decreased hunting, decreased diversity, and/or increased desertification is not in the public interest. Any resulting loss of lifestyle choice, loss of historical continuity, and/or increase in economic hardships for the current inhabitants is not in the public interest. Many small town and rural areas, unlike SNWA, are totally dependent on groundwater—loss of opportunities for sustainable businesses or industry in these areas is against the public interest. If granted, these SNWA applications would adversely affect the public interest by promoting further unsustainable growth in the SNWA service area.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be **DENIED** and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

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Signed Edison R. Walker, President
Agent or protestant

Edison R. Walker, President/Director
Indian Springs Civic Association
PO Box 1
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of August, 2004

County of Clark-State of Nevada
DOROTHY M. BOBO
Dorothy M. Bobo
Notary Public

State of Nevada

County of Clark

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