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Points of Interest

- The current population of Clark County is estimated to be approximately 1,500,000.
- The general area population increases on a monthly average of about 6,000 new permanent arrivals.
- An acre-foot of water is sufficient to support a family of five for one year.
- Another 130,000 acre-feet of water will be required in 10 years.

WE ARE OUT OF WATER BUT WE STILL KEEP UP THIS INSANE GROWTH.

By Ken Mahal, President NSC

The paper below was presented before the Southern Nevada Water Authority which is composed of council members from Henderson, Boulder City, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and three Clark County Commissioners. Pat Mulroy the SNWA Executive Director was requested to answer the six questions listed within 10 working days. She has not done so and was so notified March 10, 2003. Also at this meeting making presentations was our Larry Paulson, Ed Duffy and Ken Record, besides them were good friends Bernie Silver and Phil Testa all who did a wonderful job of telling like it is.

February 20, 2003

To: SNWA Board of Directors

Madam Chairperson and Members of the Board:

I am Ken Mahal President of Nevada Seniors Coalition. I reside at 3371 Astoria Dr. Las Vegas Nevada 89121. Please include this testimony as a matter of record. We appreciate this opportunity to present our concerns as citizens of the greater Las Vegas area.

The former Las Vegas Valley Water District seemed pretty honest and open, with its reporting of water available to match permits issued. It was comforting to know we were living within our means. However, since about 1991 under the SNWA this reporting has disappeared and in fact there seem to be a deliberate cover-up. For the billions spent the SNWA has facility duplication but no substantiated increase of water over our present 300,000 acre feet in the Colorado River. We find the SNWA is long on promises and short on results. The Greater Las Vegas Area has a need for double our water allotment so the reality is we are out of water and have no alternative but to stop growth. We also think it is time to audit your performance for public knowledge.

The SNWA seems to have given you and your board predecessors either a false sense of security or a front to hide behind. As a result you allow uncontrolled growth to sweep across this valley like a wild fire while in reality there is no water to put out that wild fire of growth.

We petition a written response by your manager in ten working days to our questions.

1. We petition that you produce audit proof facts proving you have water to match all land approved for development in the greater Las Vegas area and that you have water reserved in priority from the oldest ongoing development to the newest ones.

2. During the vote on the ¼% sales tax, developers were given about 20 years in a graduated scale subsidizing their actual hookup costs. We petition the SNWA to provide a fact sheet on actual costs versus subsidies and ask that you increase all hookup costs to 100 % of actual costs immediately.

3. We petition to know in detail why the SNWA wants to put us in debt 3 billion dollars for Nevada Power when for 20% of the cost they could build a new plant.

4. We petition the SNWA to provide a complete list of all electric power generating deals made and proposed with the rational justifying them along with the details of upfront and final costs in consideration.

5. On the completion of the information in item 4, we petition the SNWA to set up public hearings for taxpayer involvement on all such power issues and (Continued on Page 2)

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expenditures.

6.. We petition to know when the SNWA mission changed to be in the electric generating business and for what purpose. It bothers us that you are failing in your primary mission of matching available water with permitted growth so we question your expertise in the electric generating business.

In conclusion we have these words of concern as it relates to your performance.

THE WATER BANK IS EMPTY and GROWTH MUST STOP.

Thank you for your time it is appreciated.

Sincerely,

L. Kenneth Mahal A.I.A.

President Nevada Seniors Coalition

The paper below was presented before the LVVWD and presents 5 hard-hitting facts that leave no question that the multi billion dollars new pumping station and second straw into Saddle Mountain is an engineering mistake of the greatest magnitude. What is sad is that we at NSC with Larry Paulson's help have been right on target since 1996 and some of those on this board and some no longer on this board are culpable for this huge blunder and all are still trying to do a cover up of the facts. Others who presented and did a great job NSC's Larry Paulson and Ed Duffy.

Las Vegas Valley Water District

March 4, 2003

Madam Chairperson and Board of Directors:

I am Ken Mahal, President of Nevada Seniors Coalition. I reside at 3371 Astoria Dr. Las Vegas Nevada 89121.

Please include this letter and the three attachments listed below as a matter of record and for distribution to all members of the board. We appreciate this opportunity to express our concerns as citizens of the greater Clark County area.

In 1996 as President of the NSC and a retired professional registered to practice in the fifty US states I became aware of the so called second straw proposal. Upon review of the proposal I saw a multi billions dollar-engineering mistake in the making.

My immediate concerns were:

1. First and foremost who would build a facility next to the present one given the 1994 Cryptosporidium outbreak caused by contaminated drinking water at the existing facility?
2. Who would build two facilities next to each other telling the public this was for a safe water supply to the Las Vegas valley?
3. Who would build such a facility in Las Vegas Bay six miles down stream of the Las Vegas Wash where a predicted daily 155,000,000 plus gallons of treated sewage would be dumped into the water intake area?
4. Who would build a new facility in Las Vegas Bay knowing that 1,600 square miles of polluted surface drainage entered the bay six miles up stream of the pumping stations?
5. Who would build a facility across the lake from an extinct volcano in Arizona?

If these weren't legitimate major engineering and health issues what were they?

From the start we have backed our concerns with solutions as professionals. You and your predecessors and other elected officials chose not to listen. And you newer members will feel the brunt of the problem brewing if you do not solve the above issues as well as how to administer the proven water shortage. We still suggest you look for a safe water source in the upper Lake Meade area. And as for the proven water shortfall based on just existing permitted development we suggest you prioritize all water if any is available to the first permitted (Continued on Page 4)

“Please Don’t Quote Me”

"As families all across Nevada realize, you base your spending on how much you earn, you don't base your earnings on how much you want to spend."
 – Representative Jim Gibbons

"The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment."
 – Robert Hutchins

Our American system of government by lobbyist guarantees us a form of taxation with representation that the founding fathers did not foresee: special interests get the representation while the broad public gets the taxation.
 – Alan S. Blinder



Five surgeons are discussing who makes the best patients to operate on.

The first surgeon says, "I like to see accountants on my operating table, because when you open them up, everything inside is numbered."

The second responds, "Yeah, but you should try electricians! Everything inside them is color coded."

The third surgeon says, "No, I really think librarians are the best; everything inside them is in alphabetical order."

The fourth surgeon chimes in: "You know, I like construction workers...those guys always understand when you have a few parts left over at the end, and when the job takes longer than you said it would."

But the fifth surgeon shut them all up when he observed: "You're all wrong. Politicians are the easiest to operate on. There's no guts, no heart, no balls, no brains and no spine, and the head and the ass are interchangeable."

Author: Unknown

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in descending priority. This may mean you must also shut down permitting to lessen our legal exposure which most likely to be in the billions.

Sincerely,

L. Kenneth Mahal A.I.A.

President Nevada Seniors Coalition

Who's Who on the Water Boards, And Why, Why Are They On These Boards?

Southern Nevada Water Authority Board of Directors



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Where Were You Last Month?

If you didn't attend last month's meeting you missed a good one. Over 75 People did attend and heard some excellent speakers including those shown below



Steven B. Miller (left) of the Nevada Policy Research Institute was the featured speaker. He informed us on how Nevada's fiscal problems can be solved with out the tremendous tax increases being proposed by the Governor. Dan Burdish (right) is considering an initiative to kill any tax increases that the Legislature might pass. He has started a petition to require voter approval of any tax bills passed by the legislature.

Special thanks go to Bernice Borge and Ed Duffy who each contributed \$50.00 to NSC at the last meeting. Also to Ted Mendalski who contributes at every meeting.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

The NSC Board



Rudy R. Manthie D.O. (left) brought us up to date on Medical Malpractice Insurance problems. He passed out literature for a group called "Keep Our Doctors In Nevada". Support him and his organization if you want affordable, quality medical care to be available to Nevadans. Please call 896-6982 for more information.



Two of our Newest members are Las Vegas Township Constable Robert (Bobby G.) Gronauer and his Executive Assistant Marian Gaeta Replogle. Bobby G. has done an outstanding job and has improved the Constables Office considerably since he has been in charge and I'm sure Ms. Replogle has given him much help.

Welcome aboard, both of you.

Las Vegas Senior Press

The Las Vegas Senior Press has a new managing editor and a new look. If you don't get a copy at our meeting, please pick one up at any of the following locations.

1. Barnes and Noble Bookstores
2. Borders Books and Music
3. Care Free Seniors Communities
4. Clark County Public Libraries
5. Clark County Senior Centers
6. Sav-On Drug Stores
7. Senior Friends Offices
8. Station Casinos
9. 1400 Medical and Doctor s' Offices



From the Editor

Ian Mylchreest, the new Managing Editor of the "Las Vegas Senior Press" attended our last meeting as a reporter and brought along a photographer as well. To see the results get a copy of the newspaper either at our meeting or at any of the locations shown on the left.

We want to thank him for the March issue cover story, complete with pictures. It was a very well written story and will help our cause considerably.

Assembly Ways and Means Chairman **Morse Arberry**, D-North Las Vegas, wonders why have a Legislature if people can just go out and repeal its actions.

"It is kind of disheartening," he said. "We are elected by the people to make decisions. Some are good and some are bad. But if someone is going to circumvent what we do, that is a bad precedent."

NSC agrees wholeheartedly with Assemblyman Arberry – why have a Legislature when they do nothing that the people desire, but rather what the special interests want. They are sixty-three dorks with 800 lobbyists telling them how to write laws that are very good for their bosses, but leave a lot to be desired for the rest of the people.

Vern Perry

Next Meeting

Thursday April 10, 2003 10:00
a.m. at the >>>>>>>



After the meeting why don't you eat and play, and stay all day.



Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman to talk of many things.

Coming May 8th Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Sheriff Bill Young.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

March 13, 1868 - Under the direction of U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, the U.S. Senate trial of President Andrew Johnson, the first president to ever be impeached, begins in Washington, D.C..

Inaugurated after Lincoln's assassination in April of 1865, President Johnson enacted a lenient Reconstruction policy for the defeated South, including almost total amnesty to ex-Confederates, a program of rapid restoration of U.S. state status for the seceded states, and the approval of new, local Southern governments, which were able to legislate "Black Codes" that preserved the system of slavery in all but its name.

The Republican-dominated Congress greatly opposed Johnson's Reconstruction program, and on March 2, 1867, passed the Tenure of Office Act over the president's veto. The bill prohibited the president from removing officials confirmed by the Senate without senatorial approval,

On February 24, the House voted eleven impeachment articles against Johnson, nine of which cited Johnson's removal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton in violation of the Tenure of Office Act.

On May 16 and again on May 26, the Senate voted on the charges brought against President Johnson. Both times the vote was thirty-five for conviction and nineteen for acquittal. Because both votes fell short--by one vote--of the two-thirds majority needed to convict Johnson, he was judged not guilty and remained in office.

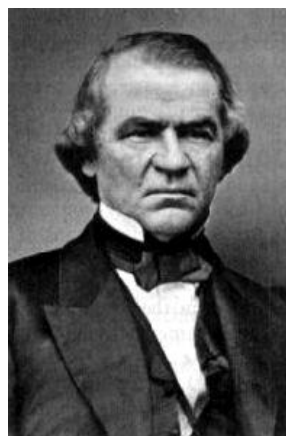


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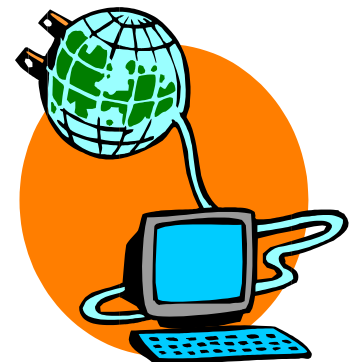
The organization's purpose is to promote the physical and social welfare of senior citizens, their children and grandchildren.

The organizations' goals and objectives are:

- Improvement of political and governmental institutions and processes on local, state and federal levels.
- Identify legislative trends at all levels and set NSC priorities.
- Support domestic policies responsive to the needs and will of the Nevada senior population.
- Work to involve more seniors in government. to assure government is open, responsive and accountable.
- Keep members and the general public informed on current issues affecting them. Encourage them to make their voices heard at all government levels.
- Work with other organizations in a common endeavor when their issues and programs coincide with those of NSC.



President Andrew Johnson



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