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Subject: Draft letter to Chairman Brown re: CWC

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At the CWC Board meeting held on July 27, 2010, Chairman Brown made the following statement –

“So as part of whatever is going to come out of this needs assessment as a separate request, as the Chairman of this Board, I would like to get some kind of official statement from either the managers of their respective member agencies of by Council or Board action, that CWC is something they’re not going to support or the CWC is something they’re going to support in the near future as some of these critical things like litigation get resolved.”

In response to this request from Chairman Brown, I have drafted the following letter to Chairman brown. This attempt is to have a united letter from the managers explaining our position on the CWC to Chairman Brown. Please feel free to make changes.

In a letter of December 8, 2009 to the CWC General Manager, the city/county managers from Henderson, Las Vegas and Clark County recommended the SCOP project be canceled due to significant changes in current a future conditions within the respective communities. A further recommendation was made to reexamine the role of CWC for the future.

Since that time, our agencies have continued to assess the need for the SCOP project and to determine what, if any future roles exist for CWC without SCOP. Ongoing actions include SCOP reevaluation study, update of the Lake Mead Modeling Study, completion of the fat head minnow study, and consideration for a Needs Assessment Study.

After considering the results of these ongoing efforts and reviewing current conditions within our respective communities, the following response is provided to Chairman Brown:

- We reaffirm our previous recommendation that the SCOP project be terminated. The flow, treatment, and water quality data for our agencies and the entire Las Vegas Valley all point to no requirement nor benefit for the SCOP project within the next twenty years.
- We support the effort over the next 120 days to review the existing data on capacities and capabilities for the 4 wastewater agencies. We support using this data to update the previous Needs Assessment Study of 1997 in order to obtain a current status and possible gaps in wastewater capacity within Las Vegas Valley.

Submitted at City Council

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By Betsy Fretwell

We support a collaborative discussion among the four wastewater agencies to respond to the Needs Assessment Study. If any gaps exist that require actions, it is our belief that these actions can be accomplished by the four agencies independent of CWC. We support defining a role for regional water quality that is under the purview of SNWA and is coordinated with the existing committees and boards which accomplish many of these tasks currently. CWC knowledge and history can be assimilated into this effort to maintain continuity and consistency and achieve efficiency and value to rate payers. We recommend a completion date of this transition of 30 June, 2011.

We are confident in the capabilities of our respective wastewater staffs and the existing governance including NDEP and various community based committees to accomplish the tasks facing the wastewater community. We appreciate the significant efforts of the CWC to plan and design the SCOP project to its current status. However, with no need for SCOP in the foreseeable future, we see no requirement for CWC to continue in a regional role.

We appreciate the opportunity to communicate with Chairman Brown and the CWC Board. We are available for further discussion on this response at the pleasure of the Chairman.

Sincerely,

(the four Managers signatures)