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Hon. Thomas Shedden
Hearing Officer
Arizona Office of Administrative Hearings

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Dear Mr. Shedden:

My name is Ed Sanchez and I am a native and resident of Arizona, currently living in the phoenix area. I want to officially protest the application for a permit to transfer water from Beaver Dam Wash in northern Arizona to the State of Nevada.

I have been fortunate to have traveled and visited most of our beautiful state and find the Beaver Dam Wash area as a unique place to visit, hike and enjoy. I am a big advocate and supporter of the Colorado plateau area, hiking and camping in the area several times a year. I am also aware of the vital importance of our limited waterways in our state and the critical need to protect and enhance these areas for future generations in Arizona.

Taking water from Beaver Dam Wash will dry up the wash at the confluence with the Virgin River. This will negatively impact the beauty and lifestyle of the Beaver Dam and Littlefield areas with no real and lasting benefit. I also believe that the taking of water from Mormon Wells would devastate the Beaver Dam Wash and the local water supply for the area. 14, 000 acre-feet of water is too important of a resource to transfer to the State of Nevada. The Virgin Valley Water District has enough surplus water to sell it to the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

I strongly suggest we allow Governor Napolitano's Statewide Water Advisory Group to address this issue while it discusses the overall issue of water shortages in rural Arizona.

Sincerely,

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