



Letter: Where is gov on water-smart solutions?

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Editor:



Governor Sandoval created the Nevada Drought Forum in April of 2015. As water shortages have worsened in the southwest for over 10 years, why did he not create the forum a couple months after first being elected in 2010? When he served in the Nevada Assembly in 1995, did he not know there were multi-decade periods of drought? Has he not heard of the Lake Mead bathtub ring over the past decade?

As Lake Mead is now 38 percent full, why has he not:

— Appeared in a TV ad promoting water conservation?

- Advocated a more progressive water pricing structure for Las Vegas?
- Urged greater farm water conservation for all users of Colorado River water?
- Ordered a 25 percent cut in water use like California Governor Brown?
- Encouraged innovative 21st century water solutions like other U.S. cities?
- Promoted 100 percent solar and wind desalination like other nations?
- Requested a presidential Executive Order cutting water delivery by five percent to all river states?

For five years, why has he condoned the planning of a 300-mile pipeline from rural Nevada to Las Vegas using 19th century technology?

A combination of the above solutions could eliminate the need for the proposed pipeline — which would be the most expensive public works project in Nevada history.

Governor Sandoval has pursued other smart solutions for Nevada, but he is negligent in promoting basic water-smart solutions?

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