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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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8 RUSTY COLEMAN: My name is Rusty Coleman. I am here
9 with Troop 69. And am I representing 69? Not really. Maybe
10 in a learning experience.

11 I also work for the City of Las Vegas, engineering
12 design, for Public Works. I am familiar with installation of
13 large pipes.

14 The big question that popped into my mind when I see
15 the presentation -- there's a couple of large items. One, on a
16 day-to-day basis, who is going to pay for the whole thing?
17 Where is all this money going to come from? I have been told
18 that this was par for the course and sales tax that has started
19 funding this. Even just the study I know is going to run into
20 the millions of dollars before it is even done. With the
21 consultants' little logos I saw on the bottom of the screen and
22 stuff, I know this has already cost a lot of money just to get
23 to this point. So will we have enough to get all the way
24 through with budgetary constraints?

25 We talked about, or they explained to us about the
modeling that is going to be done for the three different
effluent run outs. Will that model rule the day? The model
shows it should go one place. Is that the end-all answer to it

1 and would anything change that? And kind of how much father
2 should we put in the modeling that the consultants are doing?

3 Other issues I would have is: This shows the major
4 pathway of this effluent pipeline is essentially through the
5 wash itself. Being a wetlands park, which is pretty fragile
6 anyway, and to put the kind of construction project that's
7 going to be running right through the middle of this park, the
8 size of pipes they are talking about sticking in are monstrous.
9 Those are ten-foot pipes, eight- and ten-foot pipes. The kind
10 of ditches you need to stick those in, the equipment you need
11 to dig that stuff in is big, big equipment. And to roll all
12 that stuff right through the middle of Wetlands Park and
13 mobilize a construction project through the middle of Wetlands
14 Park, I would want to know who is going to administer that
15 contract. How do we know that Wetands Park will be for the
16 better after this? We assume, because the water is washing it
17 all down. But what if it doesn't?

18 They talk about one of the main outfalls of this pipe
19 being at the head of the Lake Las Vegas. Right now there is so
20 much sediment running into the lake at that area that the
21 owners of that marina have already made application to move the
22 marina, I hear. If we are only taking this outfall further
23 down the wash, that's not going to really stop a lot of that
24 sediment. So I would want to know about that.

25 The other thing I would have is who is going to manage

1 this construction contract. If we are hiring consultants to
2 manage a contract that they don't have any vested interest in,
3 I would have a problem with that. I would think entities
4 directly involved would have a hands-on approach to managing
5 this contract so that it is not let out to a construction
6 management firm whose only real interest is making sure that
7 they are covering their butt with the paperwork and have no
8 real vested interest to protect that wetlands like the entities
9 that are involved with the water project would be. So I would
10 want to see that the direct management of that construction
11 contract is done by the City and the Water Authority and the
12 City that make that happen.

13 And that's what I have. Thank you very much.

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5 JEFF VAN EE: Tonight I am representing the Nevada
6 Wildlife Federation. The Nevada Wildlife Federation provided
7 comments on environmental assessment that began at the waste
8 water effluent receptor, and one of the comments we made, we
9 felt that environmental assessment for that project was
10 inadequate; that we needed to look at the effluent receptor
11 together with all the other parts to this package that are
12 being proposed and so look at it as a whole. So I am very
13 pleased tonight that the coalition has decided to do an
14 Environmental Impact Statement to look at the whole project
15 before we make some of these significant decisions that we are
16 going to be making in the future.

17 The Federation will be providing written comments on
18 this proposal. It's a very complex proposal. There are a lot
19 of questions to be addressed, a lot of factors to look at, and
20 it's just impossible to provide comments off the cuff on a
21 project this significant.

22 One significant comment I have tonight, though, that I
23 wanted to make during this oral presentation is my concern
24 about the deadline for the written comments. It's listed in
25 the Federal Register as being September 1st, 45 days after the

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5 WEN BALDWIN: I just have one quick question, and I
6 think we have all got to be aware of, we are talking increase
7 150 million gallons a year; correct?

8 DAVID MENDENHALL: A day.

9 WEN BALDWIN: For a day. Where is this water coming
10 from? It's -- that's my question.

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6 CHRISTOPHER BALDWIN: I am with the Boy Scouts of
7 America, Troop 69. And my question is, if they don't get the
8 water, like, flowing and all that stuff, will they have to put
9 in another pipe somewhere to get it coming in here some more?
10 Because if they only have one pipe and we are not getting that
11 much water in and we are losing water each day to get it in
12 there, what is going to happen to all the water that we are
13 going to have to drink and the energy we are going to get over
14 here to come in here in Nevada?

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