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Dear Friends of the Great Basin,

Ten years. That's how long it's been since the Great Basin Water Network came together to keep Las Vegas' Water Grab pipes out of rural Nevada's aquifers. Thanks to your support and our hard work, the scheme that was hatched in 1989 to drain rural Nevada is still just a pipedream.

Ten Years of Grassroots Activism: Residents across Nevada and Utah have signed petitions, written to policymakers and the press, and attended public meetings and hearings to decry the folly of the \$15.7 BILLION water grab. The annual Snake Valley Water Festival brings our diverse communities together to celebrate and support the fight to preserve all of the West for future generations.

Ten Years of Challenges: Southern Nevada Water Authority has poured millions of dollars into an army of lobbyists and lawyers while GBWN relies on our steadfast and brilliant attorney, Simeon Herskovits of Advocates for Community and Environment, and GBWN's dedicated volunteers. In court, the Nevada State Engineer and SNWA worked together to defeat us. BLM issued a flawed Environmental Impact Statement and granted SNWA the right-of-way to build the pipeline on federal land. GBWN followed with a challenge in federal court along with White Pine County and other groups.

Ten Years of Success: Utah rejected an agreement with Nevada that would have allowed the draining of Snake Valley. Two flawed decisions by the Nevada State Engineer for SNWA applications in Spring, Cave, Dry Lake and Delamar Valleys were ruled deficient by the Nevada District and Supreme Courts, putting the wannabe Water Grabbers back at square one. As a result of legal victories by Great Basin Water Network, White Pine County, and supportive allies, not an inch of pipeline has been laid!

The Next Ten: SNWA's water applications are uncertain but not gone, sitting once again on the Nevada State Engineer's desk. How will he proceed, when, and at what legal cost to GBWN? What about Snake Valley and the potential for a new Nevada-Utah agreement? What about the federal right-of-way case? How will drought affect massive interbasin transfer projects? And will our legal victories lead the power brokers to change the law to make sure they never lose in court again?

At Year 10, we ask for your financial support. GBWN is still an all-volunteer organization except for our legal team and technical experts. We depend on your contributions to keep up the fight and be ready for the next batch of hash that SNWA slings our way. It was once said the Water Grab was inevitable. We are proving them wrong, but it's not over yet. Our opponents are waiting for us to drop our guard, and we need your new or continuing support to stand firm. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Abby Johnson, President for the GBWN Board

P.S. Some organizations entice you to contribute with "matching funds." We match your gift with the elbow grease, grit, gumption, and hard work of our volunteer team. Join us! And watch for *Water Gab*, the newsletter, coming to your mailbox and at www.greatbasinwaternet.org in December.

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