



## Upcoming Events

**Date:** Oct. 16, 2013

### 2014 CALENDARS AVAILABLE FOR CHRISTMAS

2014 Calendars Available for Christmas

It's that time of year to start planning for 2014, and what better way to plan than with a beautiful 2014 Snake Valley Calendar! Every month enjoy a stunning scene from Snake Valley.

Calendars cost \$15 each, 2 for \$25, or bigger quantities at a discount. You can buy them at the Border Inn or from Susan Wetmore. Susan is able to send calendars by mail (approximately \$3 s&h for 1 calendar and \$5 s&h for 2 calendars). You can reach her by email: [sywetmore@wirelessbeehive.com](mailto:sywetmore@wirelessbeehive.com) or phone: 775-234-7265.

Proceeds go to the Great Basin Water Network to pay legal and specialist fees to help keep Snake Valley's water in the valley.

**Date:** Sep. 11, 2013

### GREAT BASIN WATER FORUM OCTOBER 17 - 18, 2013 IN BISHOP, CA

Great Basin Water Forum October 17 - 18, 2013 in Bishop, CA

2013 GREAT BASIN WATER FORUM

Tallman Pavilion

Tri-County Fairgrounds

Bishop, California

- Field Trip: Thursday, October 17, 2013, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Forum: Friday, October 18, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**FORUM PROGRAM:** The focus of the 2013 Great Basin Water Forum will be on the monitoring, management and mitigation programs associated with the City of Los Angeles Aqueduct Project in Owens Valley. November 5, 2013 will be the 100th anniversary of the completion of the LA Aqueduct Project.

On October 17, 2013 there will be a field trip originating at the Tallman Pavilion (Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop). Field trip attendees will car pool to LA Aqueduct Project facilities (aqueduct facilities, wells, etc.), monitoring sites and mitigation program sites in Owens Valley. It is anticipated Los Angeles Department of Water & Power and Inyo County Water Department staffers will provide presentations/commentary on the field trip.

On October 18, 2013 the forum will take place in the Tallman Pavilion. The tentative program for the forum includes the following: 1) information on the LA Aqueduct Project monitoring, management and mitigation programs, including involvement of local governments and citizens in the Project over time; 2) a panel discussion on water basins shared by two states, and how to address projects that will impact the water resources in those basins; 3) a panel discussion on potential sources of water for Las Vegas Valley; and 4) an informal discussion involving the audience and two highly respected scientists (Dr. Harold Klieforth and Dr. Kelly Redmond) on the climate and weather of the Great Basin. Lunch will be catered and provided by the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority.

**LODGING INFORMATION:** The Tri-County Fairgrounds is located at the north end of Bishop. There is ample lodging close to the fairgrounds, including Holiday Inn Express (760.872.2423), La Quinta Inns & Suites (760.873.8508), Best Western Plus (760.873.3543), Vagabond Inn (760.873.6351) and the Creekside Inn (760.872.1300).

**REGISTRATION AND COSTS:** There will not be a cost to attend the forum. Registration will be at the door. To expedite registration and help with forum logistics (i.e., food, seating, etc.), please contact Steve Bradhurst (Executive Director of the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority) via email ([sbradhurst@gmail.com](mailto:sbradhurst@gmail.com)) or phone (775.747.2038) to let him know if you plan to attend the forum. Please provide your name, organization and email address.

### Photo Gallery



### From The Fray

[SNAKE VALLEY WATER FOR SNAKE VALLEY: DEAN BAKER'S STORY - Youtube. The Consequences...Transporting Snake Va...](#) [Continue](#)

**Date:** Sep. 01, 2013

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8: TROTTA & RONSTADT CONCERT; BORDER INN**

The Border Inn in Baker NV is sponsoring a Water Is Life Concert by Trotta & Ronstadt to benefit Great Basin Water Network. Sunday September 8, 3 pm, Donation \$15/person or \$35/family. 100% of admissions to benefit GBWN. Community potluck at 1:30 pm. "Trotta and Ronstadt bring a fresh blend of rock, blues, and folk to the acoustic scene..." For more information: Border Inn 775/234-7300.

**Date:** Jul. 08, 2013

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**UTAH'S WATER FUTURE: JULY 9 - AUGUST 15 IN EIGHT LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT STATE**

UTAH'S WATER FUTURE: July 9 - August 15 in eight locations throughout state

July 9 Richfield

July 11 Layton

July 16 Price

July 18 Provo

July 25 St George

August 6 Vernal

August 13 Salt Lake City

August 15 Logan

All public meetings will be held from 7 to 9 pm

Specific locations within cities are found at the following website:

[http://www.utah.gov/governor/news\\_media/article.html?article=9059](http://www.utah.gov/governor/news_media/article.html?article=9059)

OR you can submit comments online at [www.utahwater.org](http://www.utahwater.org)

**Date:** May. 05, 2013

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**SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL JUNE 14-16, 2013 BAKER, NEVADA HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL - JUNE 14-16, 2013 - BAKER, NEVADA

It won't be long till the Snake Valley Festival is here! The Festival committee is working on finalizing the schedule, and we thought we'd give you a sneak preview.

<http://protectsnakevalley.com/festival.html>

SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL - JUNE 14-16, 2013 - BAKER, NEVADA

Hope you can join us!

2013 Snake Valley Tentative Festival Schedule:  
All times are Pacific Daylight Time (Nevada time).

FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2013

All Day - Road Art Contest and 50:50 Raffle Tickets available  
5 - 7 PM Ice Cream Social at Baker Hall Lawn with special entertainment  
6 - 8 PM Wine Tasting at the Border Inn  
8 PM - Midnight Dance at the Border Inn; Music by "Pistol Rock"  
Pageant to crown Mr and Ms Snake Valley during the Dance

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2013

All Day - Road Art Contest and 50:50 Raffle Tickets available  
7:30-9:30 AM Breakfast at Community Center  
8 AM -12 NOON Community Yard Sale on Saval Ave  
8 AM -3 PM Book Sale on Saval Ave  
8 AM -3 PM Booths on Saval Ave  
10 AM Small Town Parade along Baker and Saval Ave  
- Dancing in the Street after the Parade  
11 AM - 1 PM Solar Telescope at the Playground  
11 AM - 2 PM Kids' Games at Baker Hall Lawn/Playground  
11 AM - 2 PM Lunch & Food Booths at Community Center  
11 AM - 2:30 PM Silent Auction at Baker Hall  
1 PM - 3 PM Free Entertainment at Baker Hall Lawn  
3 PM Massive Water Fight at Playground

5:30 PM All-you-can-eat BBQ Dinner at Border Inn

7 PM LIVE Auction at the Border Inn  
7:30 PM RAFFLE Drawing during the LIVE Auction  
ROAD ART Winner announced during the LIVE Auction

8 PM Special Astronomy Program and Viewing  
Great Basin National Park - Lehman Caves Visitor Center

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2013

7 AM - Snake Valley Slither 5K/10K starts at Baker Sinclair gas station on Baker Ave  
9 AM Bake Sale at the Border Inn

**Date:** Apr. 04, 2013

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**WALK AND RUN 2013 FOR THE WESTERN SHOSHONE AGAINST THE WATER GRAB: THE LONGEST WALK FROM 2000 TO 2013. FOR SOME OF US, THE LONGEST WALK AND RUN NEVER ENDS, IT'S IN OUR BLOOD -- NEWE**

The official Walk and Run will start at dawn on Saturday, May 4th, 2013 and will finish on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13 or longer if the group decides to continue.

See the PDF announcement and contact info here:

<http://greatbasinwaternet.org/pubs/WalkandRunMay4-2013thruMay13-2013.pdf>

**Date:** Mar. 27, 2013

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**WEST DESERT WATER MINE RALLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH 7:00 PM**

Come join the Coalition who are calling upon Governor Gary Herbert NOT to sign the agreement allowing Nevada to mine ancient water in the Utah-Nevada West Desert.

WEST DESERT WATER MINE RALLY

THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH 7:00 PM

HAWK WATCH INTERNATIONAL 2240 South 900 East, SLC, UT

<http://greatbasinwaternet.org/pubs/Rally.html>

**Date:** Nov. 28, 2012

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**2013 SNAKE VALLEY CALENDARS ON SALE NOW**

Beautiful 2013 Snake Valley calendars make a perfect holiday gift. All the proceeds from calendar sales go to the Great Basin Water Network.

<http://protectsnakevalley.blogspot.com/2012/11/snake-valley-calendars.html>

**Date:** Nov. 19, 2012

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### **SNAKE VALLEY AQUIFER ADVISORY COUNCIL- 11/26 - 10 AM MILLARD COUNTY OFFICES, DELTA**

The next meeting of the Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council will be held on Monday, November 26, starting at 10:00 a.m., in the Millard County Offices in Delta, Utah.

The Millard County Offices are located at 70 South 200 West, Delta, Utah

The main item on the agenda for the meeting will be a report from the water attorneys who reviewed the draft agreement with the State of Nevada, followed by discussion.

To read the report:

<https://docs.google.com/open?id=0B3--lXrkLLNvWnA5YTBIUppexM>

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**Date:** Oct. 02, 2012

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### **GREAT BASIN WATER FORUM - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 - 9:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. - CARSON CITY**

**BACKGROUND:** An annual Great Basin Water Forum is called for in a 2009 memorandum of understanding signed by two counties in Utah (Juab and Millard Counties), three counties in California (Inyo, Lassen and Mono Counties) and the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority, an organization comprised of eight counties in Nevada (Churchill, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Lander, Nye, Pershing and White Pine Counties). The purpose of the annual forum is to provide local governments in the Great Basin an opportunity to come together to discuss water and water-related issues common to the Great Basin (e.g., challenges of growth, sustainable water supply, federal programs and regulations, water and land use planning, etc.), and if desired, make recommendations concerning their common interests to the appropriate entities and organizations.

The Central Nevada Regional Water Authority will host the 2012 forum. Go to the Authority's website ([www.cnrwa.com](http://www.cnrwa.com)) and click on "News" to get information on the previous forums (3)

**2012 FORUM THEME:** The theme for the 2012 forum is the following question: "How will Nevada, Utah and California address the significant imbalance between identified sustainable water supply and projected population growth?"

**LOCATION:**

Carson Nugget  
Ballroom A  
507 North Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada

**FORUM PROGRAM:** The morning session will focus on providing background information on the theme. A Bureau of Reclamation representative will give an overview of a study the Bureau will release in September 2012. The study is entitled "Colorado River Basin Water Supply and Demand Study." The Colorado River is a critical water supply for many urban communities in the southwest. Some of these communities feel the Colorado River cannot provide sufficient water in the future to accommodate planned growth and/or during an extended period of drought. And, they think groundwater from the Great Basin, the driest region in the United States, can provide a guaranteed sustainable water supply.

After the Bureau of Reclamation presentation forum attendees will be asked to participate in facilitated discussion groups (10 people/table) to address the forum theme and make recommendations. Then there will be a buffet lunch hosted by the Authority, and a luncheon speaker who will talk about the status of ocean water desalination in California.

After lunch there will be a panel discussion on the forum theme. The panelists (around 24) will be county commissioners/supervisors, state legislators, state agency directors and federal land managers. The panel discussion will be facilitated, and at the front-end of the panel discussion facilitators from the morning discussion groups will give a short report on their discussion group's thinking/recommendations.

The forum will end with a discussion of 1) issues of interest to forum attendees, and 2) the 2013 forum.

**LODGING INFORMATION:** A block of rooms for forum attendees have been reserved at the Carson Nugget's City Center Hotel. Call 1-775-882-5535 to make a reservation. Be sure to identify yourself with the Great Basin Water Forum. The room rate is \$46 for November 12.

**REGISTRATION AND COSTS:** There will not be a cost to attend the forum. Registration will be at the door. To expedite registration and help with forum logistics (i.e., food, seating, etc.), please contact Steve Bradhurst (Executive Director of the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority) via email (sbradhurst@gmail.com) or phone (775.747.2038) to let him know if you plan to attend the forum. Please provide your name, organization and email address.

Note: The Nevada Association of Counties will have its 2012 annual conference November 14 and 15, 2012, at the Carson Nugget in Carson City. Contact [www.nvnaco.org](http://www.nvnaco.org) for information on the conference.

**Date:** Oct. 02, 2012

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### **COURT SCHEDULES HEARING FOR JUNE 13-15, 2013**

Lawyers representing the parties had a status hearing Friday morning [9/28/12] where Senior Judge Robert Estes presided over the proceedings.

[http://www.elynews.com/news/article\\_ff4c422a-08ce-11e2-92ed-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.elynews.com/news/article_ff4c422a-08ce-11e2-92ed-0019bb2963f4.html)

**Date:** Sep. 12, 2012

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### **PROTEST BLM'S FINAL PIPELINE EIS BY OCTOBER 1, 2012**

Let decision makers know: only the NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE is acceptable. BLM proposes to OK a pipeline that would drain rural Nevada at severe economic cost to Clark County ratepayers and ultimately Nevada taxpayers, and severe environmental cost to Nevada and Utah. We need to hold decision makers accountable for supporting this destructive boondoggle. NOW is the time to STOP THE WATER GRAB.

See the GBWN's latest newsletter, "The Water Gab", with all the details by copying and pasting the link below into your browser.

<http://greatbasinwaternetnetwork.org/pubs/Water%20Gab%20sept%202012%20rev%2010.pdf>

**Date:** Aug. 17, 2012

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### **TROTTA AND RONSTADT - ROCK, BLUES, AND FOLK MUSIC FUNDRAISER SUN., SEPT. 9 AT BORDER INN**

Trotta and Ronstadt - Rock, Blues, and Folk Music Fundraiser Sun., Sept. 9 at Border Inn

Trotta and Ronstadt will be in concert at the Border Inn (located in Snake Valley, NV just east of the Great Basin National Park Visitor Center on Highway 50) for a fundraiser for the Great Basin Water Network.

"Trotta and Ronstadt bring a fresh blend of rock, blues and folk to the acoustic scene, rocking festivals and waking up tired coffee houses"

David trotta is from NYC and Michael is from Tucson. Michael is Linda Ronstadt's nephew and also plays with his father and brother as Ronstadt Generations.

Ronstadt will perform at the Old Capitol Days festival in Fillmore, Utah on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 7 and 8th and come to Snake Valley on Sunday Sept 9 for the afternoon concert. The Old Capitol Days Festival is paying the fee to perform in Snake Valley and the Border Inn is covering meals and rooms so everything that is raised at the concert will go to GBWN for the legal team.

Present plans are for an afternoon community potluck before the concert (so people don't have to spend money on food).

The concert suggested donation will be \$10/person or \$25/family.

Join the Border Inn owners and staff for a relaxed end of the summer event. Check the Border Inn website for exact times to be scheduled soon [<http://www.borderinncasino.com/>].

**Date:** Aug. 03, 2012

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### **FINAL SNWA "GROUNDWATER PROJECT" EIS RELEASED 8/3/2012**

The BLM has announced the availability of the Final EIS on the SNWA "Groundwater Project" as of

Aug. 3, 2012. The BLM has a Preferred alternative of "F" which was created after the Draft EIS was released and commented on. The BLM will not issue a final decision, called the "Record of Decision", for 60 days.

That decision could come then as soon as September 27, 2012.

See our publications section for a copy of the BLM announcement.

**Date:** Jul. 24, 2012

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### **BLM FINAL PIPELINE EIS TO BE RELEASED AUGUST 3**

The BLM will release the final EIS on the SNWA Groundwater Pumping and Pipeline Project on August 3

**Date:** Jun. 21, 2012

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### **SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL 2012 -- GREAT FUN FOR ALL...**

While we await the next Snake Valley Festival (2013!) the reports from visitors and residents to this year's -- it was great!

A parade in downtown Baker, barbecue, booths, auctions, bakery items, and a 5-10K run/walk on Sunday morning. It was good fun and good food in the shadow of Great Basin National Park's, Mt. Wheeler.

If you made it to the Festival -- thanks -- and if you didn't we'll see you next year! Check out:

<http://protectsnakevalley.org/festival.html>

for the photos and stories on this year's Snake Valley Snake Valley Festival.

**Date:** Feb. 29, 2012

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### **SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL JUNE 15-17, 2012**

SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL June 15-17, 2012

The fourth annual Snake Valley Festival will be held in Baker, Nevada on June 15, 16, and 17, 2012. Lots of family friendly events will be held throughout the weekend, such as an ice cream social, parade, yard sale, kids' games, booths, cowboy poetry, breakfast, barbeque dinner, karaoke, and a trail run/walk.

Other events include a wine tasting party, silent and live auctions, and music. The Snake Valley Festival coincides with the Astronomy Festival June 14-16 at Great Basin National Park, and participants will be able to attend programs at both festivals.

The Snake Valley Festival is being held to build funds to protect rural Utah and Nevada's water and way of life. Proceeds will go to the Great Basin Water Network to cover legal expenses, expert witnesses, and studies about the Great Basin area.

Festival organizers are in search of additional booths for the festival, donations for both the live and silent auctions; clean used items in good condition for the yard sale; and books and CDs for the book sale. We are looking for some creative parade entries—our route is short, so there's time for skits and other entertainment. We also need volunteers for the trail run/walk to help with timing and aid stations, as well as volunteers to help with general set up and clean up of festival activities. This year will also feature a road art contest with a water and astronomy theme.

For more information about the festival, please go to the website [ProtectSnakeValley.org](http://ProtectSnakeValley.org)

**Date:** Feb. 28, 2012

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### **RULING ON SNWA'S MASSIVE GROUNDWATER APPLICATION DUE IN MARCH 2012**

Ruling on SNWA's massive groundwater application due in March 2012.

**Date:** Dec. 09, 2011

## **THE FUTURE OF WATER IN THE WEST: LAS VEGAS PIPELINE AS A CASE STUDY**

Please join us at the Round River office: Thursday, December 15th at 5:30

The Future of Water in the West: Las Vegas Pipeline as a Case Study

Rupert Steele Former Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation

[www.goshutewater.org](http://www.goshutewater.org)

& Dan McCool

Professor, author, and water issues expert

Round River Holiday Party will follow the lecture

Lecture and Discussion from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Holiday party to follow

Generous food and beverage donations by Epic Brewery & Red Iguana 284 West 400 North, parking and entrance on north side of building

Please RSVP to [asher@roundriver.org](mailto:asher@roundriver.org) 801-359-4250

**Date:** Nov. 15, 2011

## **DEC 2 DEADLINE FOR COMMENTS TO STATE ENGINEER ON WATER GRAB APPLICATIONS**

The State Engineer is accepting public comments (in writing, no email, no fax) until December 2 at 5 pm. Please write to the State Engineer to tell him your views about the SNWA applications for water in Spring, Dry Lake, Cave and Delamar Valleys. The State Engineer must consider SNWA's "needs," environmental soundness, economic feasibility on both ends, & senior water rights holders as part of his deliberations on interbasin transfers. Directing comments in those directions will carry more weight.

Written public comments are being accepted until 5 p.m., December 2, 2011. Comments should be addressed to the attention of Susan Joseph-Taylor, Chief Hearing Officer, Office of the State Engineer, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

And finally, please spread the word to encourage your friends and neighbors to put pen to paper and write to the SE about how these applications will affect your economic future, the environment, your water rights, and your way of life and livelihood.

Thanks for your support and involvement.

**Date:** Oct. 10, 2011

## **PIPELINE COMMENT DEADLINE, TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2011**

Have you written your comments on the BLM's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the proposed pumping project by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)? [Email to the BLM is fine.]

You still have through October 11, 2011 to submit your comments. Please look at our sample email to the BLM here. Please add your own comments. Your views on the DEIS, the problems you see with it, and with the SNWA proposal are essential for the BLM to hear.

You'll find many issues you may wish to raise about the DEIS deficiencies in our EIS guide available below. Or find our sample letter suitable for US mail or email. Please take a moment right now to be sure the BLM hears from you. (copy and paste the addresses)

Take Action: <http://greatbasinwater.net/pubs/MessagetoogleProtestants-t.html>

Sample Letter: <http://greatbasinwater.net/pubs/cmt2011-1.doc>

EIS guide: <http://greatbasinwater.net/pubs/GBWN-EIS-Guide-07-25-2011.pdf>

**Date:** Sep. 23, 2011



### **PUBLIC COMMENT SET FOR OCTOBER 7, 8 AM.**

• Public comment will be held in Carson City on Friday, October 7, 2011 starting at 8 a.m. and will be video cast from several locations. The locations for public comment are the Nevada Legislative Building in Carson City, Room 1214; the Grant Sawyer State Office Building in Las Vegas, Room 4412; and the Great Basin College in Ely, Room 112. You will have 3 minutes to speak regarding SNWA's applications to pump 41 billion gallons of water per year. If you cannot comment on October 7, you can submit written comments via U.S. Mail (No e-mails are accepted) anytime until the cutoff at 5PM on Friday, December 2, 2011 to the following address: Susan Joseph-Taylor, Chief Hearing Officer, Nevada Division of Water Resources, 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

• The Great Basin Water Network's win at the Nevada Supreme Court took away all of the SNWA's previously awarded water rights. The Nevada State Engineer's rehearing starts on Monday, September 26, 2011 on the Southern Nevada Water Authority's groundwater applications to pump 127,000 acre-feet per year of groundwater from Spring, Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar Valleys. The hearing will start at 9 AM in Carson City at the Nevada State Legislature Building, 401 South Carson Street, Room 1214. You can view the hearing online by clicking here on hearing days. SNWA is scheduled to take 3 weeks for its case followed by a 2 week break. The hearing will reconvene with the protestants' cases (beginning with the Great Basin Water Network representing hundreds of protestants) on Monday, October 31 continuing through Friday November 4, Monday Nov 7 continuing through Thursday Nov 10, and Monday Nov 14 continuing through Friday Nov 18.

**Date:** Aug. 22, 2011

### **TRIBAL LEADERS OPPOSE UTAH - NEVADA WATER AGREEMENT**

Utah Tribal Leaders Resolution: Opposing the Signing of the Utah-Nevada Agreement on the Snake Valley Groundwater Management System

7 Tribes want agreement scrapped. (Copy and paste link below into your browser)

<http://greatbasinwater.net/pubs/TribalLeadersOpposeWaterGrabbyNevada.pdf>

**Date:** Jul. 26, 2011

### **BLM SETS PIPELINE EIS HEARING SCHEDULE/LOCATIONS**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is holding public meetings to provide the public opportunities to comment on the Clark, Lincoln and White Pine Counties Groundwater Development and Utility Right-of-Way Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The draft document analyzes a Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) proposal for a system of regional water facilities and pipelines to transport water to the Las Vegas Valley. The BLM's action is to either grant or deny the request for rights-of-way across public land. Nine public meetings will be held during a 90-day comment period which ends September 9, 2011.

Before you go: Download the GBWN's "Water Grab EIS Guide" from the following web address:

<http://greatbasinwater.net/pubs/GBWN-EIS-Guide-07-25-2011.pdf>

-or-

click on the "Publications" link at the top of the page and download the Guide by clicking on the Guide's "download report" link.

Meeting locations, dates and times are:

- Pioche, Nev., Aug. 2 at 5 p.m., Pioche Elementary School, 651 Airport Road
- Baker, Nev., Aug. 3 at 5 p.m., Baker Elementary School, 120 Main Street
- Delta, Utah, Aug. 4 at 5 p.m., Delta High School Gym, 50 W. 300 N.
- Ely, Nev., Aug. 9 at 5 p.m., White Pine High School Gym, 1800 Bobcat Drive
- Elko, Nev., Aug. 10 at 5 p.m., Red Lion Hotel and Casino, 2065 Idaho Street
- Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 11 at 4 p.m., Hampton Inn and Suites, 307 N. Admiral Byrd Road
- Las Vegas, Nev., Aug. 15 at 4 p.m., Henderson Convention Center, 200 S. Water Street



- Alamo, Nev., Aug. 16 at 5 p.m., Lincoln County Alamo Annex, 121 Joshua Tree Street
- Reno, Nev., Aug. 18 at 3 p.m., Sparks High School Large Gym, 820 15th Street

The project, as proposed by the SNWA, would provide for the development of the first phase (main conveyance pipeline and associated facilities) of a multi-year project which would eventually deliver groundwater from the Spring, Snake, Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar hydrographic basins to the Las Vegas area. Although water rights, pumping rates, volume of water proposed for transport to the Las Vegas Valley, and the point of use of water proposed for transport across public land is outside the jurisdiction of the BLM, these issues are included in the EIS. Water rights and pumping rates are under the purview of the Nevada State Engineer. Water distribution and use associated with the importation of water in the Las Vegas Valley are addressed by local and regional planning agencies in accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes.

The draft EIS addresses the construction and operation of a system of regional water facilities which include 306 miles of a buried water pipeline; 323 miles of 230 kilovolt (kV), 69 kV and 25 kV overhead power lines; seven electrical substations; three pressure reducing facilities; five pumping stations; six regulating tanks; a 40 million-gallon-per-day buried storage reservoir; and a 165 million-gallon-per-day water treatment facility.

Whenever possible, the proposed project facilities would be constructed within utility corridors established by the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act of 2004 and the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998. An approved right-of-way is contingent on compliance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act. Establishment of the utility corridors has no bearing on water rights.

Water rights applications in Snake, Spring, Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar valleys are pending with the Nevada State Engineer. The Nevada State Engineer is solely responsible for the adjudication and permitting process to allow the development of those waters. This EIS does not address the permitting or authorization of water rights.

The Notice of Availability of the draft EIS was announced in the June 10, 2011 Federal Register. Copies of the document are available from the BLM Nevada State Office, 775-861-6681 or [nvgwprojects@blm.gov](mailto:nvgwprojects@blm.gov). An electronic version of the document is available at [www.blm.gov/5w5c](http://www.blm.gov/5w5c).

Comments on the draft EIS may be mailed: Penny Woods, BLM Project Manager, PO Box 12000, Reno, NV 89520, faxed: 775-861-6689, or emailed: [nvgwprojects@blm.gov](mailto:nvgwprojects@blm.gov).

**Date:** Jun. 21, 2011

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### **SNAKE VALLEY EVENT SUCCESS.**

Thanks to all the many folks who joined us at the Snake Valley Festival!

Check out the pics at [protectsnakevalley.com](http://protectsnakevalley.com)

**Date:** Mar. 25, 2011

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### **SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL - JUNE 17 - 19, 2011**

The Snake Valley Festival has leap-frogged to the third weekend in June, to avoid conflicts with Pioneer Day weekend in Utah and the hottest part of the summer.

In the planning stages, the Festival will continue to feature the best darn small town parade, community name-your-price yard sale, silent/live auction, book booth, food and more to raise money to fight the Water Grab.

>> Check back to see a complete schedule soon.

#### **MORE HOT CALENDAR FOR 2011**

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- Late Spring 2011 — DEIS on SNWA Pipeline Project Released?
- June 17-19 — Snake Valley Festival Summer
- July & August 2011 — DEIS workshops & hearings ?
- July & Aug 2011 — SE document exchanges
- September 2011 — SE 4 basin hearings begin

- November 2011 — SE 4 basin hearings end

**Date:** Mar. 18, 2011

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**LK POWELL PIPELINE COMMENT PERIOD - MARCH 22 ST. GEORGE,  
MARCH 23 SLC**

LAKE POWELL PIPELINE DRAFT STUDY REPORTS RELEASED COMMENT PERIOD OPEN

St. George - March 22, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Lexington Hotel & Conference Center  
Sabra Room, 850 South Bluff Street, St. George, Utah

Salt Lake City - March 23, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
State Office Building Auditorium  
Utah State Capital Complex, 350 North State Street, Salt Lake City, Utah

Please join Citizens for Dixie's Future in letting the voices of Southern Utah be heard on the proposed Lake Powell Pipeline. Environmental Studies for the Pipeline were released earlier this week. As a concerned citizen, please take advantage of this opportunity to comment on this billion dollar project. The Lake Powell Pipeline (LPP) is currently estimated to cost just over \$1 billion dollars not counting interest on bonds that could triple the cost. Impact fees alone will not pay for this project. Never has such a project been paid by such a small percentage of the state's population.

Current drought conditions and overtaxing of the Colorado River call into question the reliability of the Colorado River as a future water supply. In addition, given the recent slowing in regional growth, the actual need for the Pipeline also must be examined.

Take part in shaping the future of Southern Utah and get involved with this important process. We invite you to join us at the upcoming meetings on the Pipeline and want to hear your feedback. Thank you for your commitment to the quality of life in Southern Utah! -- Citizens for Dixie's Future

<http://www.powellpipelinefacts.org/>

<http://www.citizensfordixie.org/>

**Date:** Feb. 27, 2011

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**PROTEST WORKSHOPS: NEXT MAR 8 LUND; MAR 9 ELY; MAR 10  
BAKER/GARRISON ...**

Protest Workshops Scheduled For March ... call GBWN at 775/786-9955 for Info

Great Basin Water Network and its partners are holding workshops in March to help you complete a protest and get it notarized, or sign on to Great Basin Water Network's protest instead of filing an individual protest.

- Reno

March 7, 4:30 - 6:30 pm, Scenic Nevada Office, 100 W. Liberty, Ground Floor. Contact Rose Strickland at 775/329 - 6118

- Lund

March 8, 7 pm at the firehouse. Contact Rod McKenzie at 775/238 - 5384

- Ely

March 9, 6 pm, Bristlecone Convention Center, smaller back room. Info: Gary Perea 775/234 - 7300

- Baker/Garrison

March 10, 6 pm Nevada Time, Border Inn Social Room Info: Gary Perea 775/234 - 7300

- Delta, UT

March 17, 4 - 7:30 pm, Millard County Offices For information, call Steve Erickson at 801/554 - 9029 or [erickson.steve1@comcast.net](mailto:erickson.steve1@comcast.net)

- Salt Lake City

week of March 14. Contact Steve Erickson [erickson.steve1@comcast.net](mailto:erickson.steve1@comcast.net) or 801/554 - 9029

- North Snake Valley

March 16, Wednesday - Contact Kathy Hill at 435/693 - 3120 for meeting location.

- Lincoln County

Contact Susan Lynn at GBWN for details at 775/786 - 9955

WORKSHOPS ALREADY COMPLETED -- THANKS TO ALL WHO ATTENDED AND JOINED US IN PROTEST

• Las Vegas

March 3, 6 8 pm PLAN office, 732 S. Sixth St. Suite 200, RSVP to Launce Rake at lrake@PLANevada.org or call 702/791 - 1965

**Date:** Oct. 30, 2010

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### **FEB 2011: STATE ENGINEER OUTLINES PROTEST SCHEDULE.**

February 2011: Republication of SNWA's applications for protest.

See the letters at:

<http://greatbasinwaternetwork.org/pubs/index.php>

**Date:** Sep. 17, 2010

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### **GREAT BASIN WATER FORUM OCTOBER 21, 2010**

GREAT BASIN WATER FORUM  
John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel-Casino  
Pavilion E  
1100 Nugget Avenue, Sparks Nevada

October 21 (1pm to 4:30pm) and October 22 (8:30am to Noon), 2010

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**SPONSORS:** The Great Basin Water Forum is sponsored by thirteen counties in three states (California, Nevada and Utah). The sponsors are the Central Nevada Regional Water Authority (Churchill, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Lander, Nye, Pershing and White Pine Counties); Inyo, Lassen and Mono Counties in California; and Juab and Millard Counties in Utah. The Forum is free to the public.

**PURPOSE:** To provide local governments in the Great Basin an opportunity to come together to discuss water and water-related issues common to the Great Basin (e.g., challenges of growth, water sustainability, federal programs and regulations, water and land use planning, etc.), and if desired, make recommendations concerning their common interests to the appropriate entities and organizations.

**TOPICS:**

- Water needs and strategies for a sustainable future in the West
- Critical water resource issues in the Colorado River Basin and in the State of California
- Water resource planning at the state, regional and local government levels
- Water issues confronting national parks in the Great Basin
- DOI WaterSMART and Great Basin Landscape Conservation Cooperative Programs
- Challenges of monitoring and mitigating adverse impacts of groundwater pumping
- Challenges of running a rural water utility

**SPEAKERS:** Speakers include Western States Water Council Executive Director Tony Willardson, Water Education Foundation Executive Director Rita Schmidt Sudman, Nevada State Engineer Jason King, Great Basin National Park Superintendent Andy Ferguson, Death Valley National Park Superintendent Sarah Craighead, and federal and local government experts in water and water-related programs.

**HOTEL INFORMATION:** A block of rooms have been reserved at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel-Casino for October 21. Call 1-800-843-2427 to make a reservation. Be sure to identify yourself with the Great Basin Water Forum. The group code is GBASIN. The room rate is \$69 for October 21. Room will not be reserved after October 1, but will likely be available.

For more information, contact Steve Bradhurst (CNRWA – (775)747-2038 or sbradhurst@gmail.com)

Date: Aug. 09, 2010

## **SEPT 15, SNAKE VALLEY WATER: A GREAT CONCERN OF ALL UTAHS**

Will Snake Valley Water Diversion Damage Your Health?

September 1, 2010; Salt Lake City

The League of Women Voters Salt Lake is presenting an educational and informative Forum to discuss air quality and the water diversion plan at 7:00 PM on September 15, at the Salt Lake City Main Library, (210 East 400 South, Salt Lake City, 801- 524-8200). Speakers include Mike Styler, Mayor Peter Corroon, see below for additional and details.

**BACKGROUND:** Las Vegas Nevada proposes to provide water for its further growth by building a pipeline 200+ miles long to carry water from a series of wells drilled into several underground water reservoirs at the foot of the mountains adjacent to the Great Basin National Park. One part is called the Snake Valley Aquifer. It supplies water for wells, ranches, towns, creeks, streams, and springs in Nevada's southeast and Utah's southwest.

**SAD BUT TRUE:** If water tables drop as a result of the proposed Las Vegas water diversion from the Snake Valley aquifer (they always have, historically, when large-scale aquifer pumping takes place), the area will become a much drier, more seriously desert-like area, freeing much toxic dust to blow in the wind. The dust includes heavy metals--lead & cadmium, among others; and radioactive remains from nuclear testing done years ago. Now partially stabilized by the presence of dryland plants that can withstand drought, blowing dust will become a gigantic problem if the plants die out.

**HOW ABOUT THE AIR?** Discussion of the Snake Valley Water Diversion has so far not included air quality questions. Nevertheless, fine dust damages human health in many ways: ----Small particles, when inhaled, are very damaging to lungs; Wasatch Front air pollution already causes many deaths. ----A study done in Mexico City showed lead and other heavy metals can enter the brain through the nose and the nerves, affecting intelligence. The particles must be very small, just like those in the desert dust. If the water table drops, and current plant life dies, these will be major problems.

**WHY HAVE A FORUM?** The Las Vegas water diversion is controversial; feelings are strong on both sides of the argument, and real information is hard to get. The League of Women Voters of Salt Lake, a nonpartisan organization which supports voter registration and an educated electorate, believes it is essential for the well being and health of Utahns to find out what the effects of the Las Vegas water diversion will be, and to work to prevent any bad outcomes.

**SPEAKERS:** There will be two speakers to the facts of the water diversion; then Mayor Corroon, who disagrees with the State's position; two more speakers will address "what-if" ---the predictable effects if the water level is affected. There will be audience input and question opportunities. The speakers in order of presentation are:

Vic Heilweil, USGS Research Hydrologist and Groundwater Specialist, will be present to discuss their best estimate about probable effects of withdrawing water, including how much can be taken without lowering the water tables. The USGS is doing a comprehensive study of the Great Basin water flows, and is the leading authority on underground water in the United States.

Mike Styler, Executive Director Utah Dept Natural Resources; Division of Water Rights, will describe the official State of Utah position; the State believes current water law leaves Utah little choice but to agree. (Mike Styler will represent Governor Herbert, who is unable to attend.)

Peter Corroon, Salt Lake County Mayor, & gubernatorial candidate, will explain how his approach to the Snake Valley Diversion differs from that of the current administration.

Dr. Brian Moench, Chair of Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment, and a practicing anesthesiologist, will discuss how the bad air quality along the Wasatch Front is already affecting our health, and why more dust from the southwest desert will make it worse; he will say over 1,000 Utah deaths per year can be attributed to inhaling dust and pollution.

Professor Daniel McCool, Director of Environmental Studies, University of Utah, will discuss additional environmental hazards if the water table drops.

Fraser Nelson, Executive Director of The Community Foundation of Utah, will moderate / facilitate the discussion.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For further information on the Forum, Linda Johnson, Co-President, LWV-SL, [gostalinda@aol.com](mailto:gostalinda@aol.com), 801-277-4499; mobile 801-870-5006

For further information on the League of Women Voters Salt Lake: [www.lwvutah.org](http://www.lwvutah.org).

To interview or contact Individual speakers:

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Mike Styler, mikestyler@utah.gov,  
Peter Corroon, michellesch46@gmail.com (his press rep.)  
Brian Moench, drmoench@yahoo.com,  
Dan McCool, dan.mccool@poli-sci.utah.edu,  
Fraser Nelson, fraser@utahcf.org,

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**Date:** Jun. 11, 2010

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## **SNAKE VALLEY DAYS FESTIVAL JULY 23-24, BAKER, NEVADA**

SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL, BAKER, NEVADA (NEXT TO GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK)

COME JOIN THE FUN ON JULY 23 AND 24, 2010!

FRIDAY, JULY 23 2010 (All times Pacific Daylight Time)

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12 - 2 pm Brown Bag Lunch and Workshop with Linda Husa Join renowned writer Linda Husa to learn about her successful experiences in fighting a water grab in Reno and secrets of good writing. At the Baker community center

2 - 4:30 pm Water Tour Visit some of the places in Snake Valley that could be impacted by the Las Vegas water grab

2 - 4 pm Film Festival See news clips that cover the water issue at the Baker community center

4 - 5 pm Friday Frenzy Silent Auction Bid for your favorite items quickly--this silent auction will only last one hour! At the Baker community center.

5 pm Pioneer Day Potluck Dinner Don't miss the Dutch oven fried chicken and potatoes at the Garrison LDS Church to celebrate Utah's Pioneer Day! Bring a side dish or a dessert.

TBD Special National Park Programs Join a park ranger at Great Basin National Park for a special program. Check at a park visitor center for times and locations.

SATURDAY, JULY 24 (All times Pacific Daylight Time)

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7:30 - 9:30 am Pancake Breakfast Get a great start to your day with this delicious breakfast on the main street in Baker

8 am - 12 pm Community Yard Sale Find treasures to take home with you

8 am - 2 pm Booths Browse the wide selection of booths for books, yummy treats, arts and crafts, and much more.

9 am - 2:30 pm Silent Auction Bid on your favorite items and help raise money

10 am Pioneer Day Parade Come see or join in an unforgettable, fun parade

10 am - 2 pm Food Court Recharge with some tasty lunch

11 am - 2 pm Kids Games Fun for the young and young-at-heart outside of Baker Hall

11 am - 5 pm Film Festival Watch clips about the water grab and other Snake Valley related videos at the Border Inn

1 pm - 4 pm Entertainment Enjoy author Linda Husa's reading, listen to cowboy poetry, clap along with musical acts at Baker Hall

6 pm Barbeque at the Border Inn Savor freshly barbequed food and good company

8 pm Auction and Dance Bid on fantastic items during a live auction and then dance the night away at the Border Inn

8:30 pm-midnight Night Sky Program Check out the extra-clear night skies in the Great Basin through powerful telescopes until late in the night at the Lehman Caves Visitor

**Date:** Mar. 18, 2010

### **PROTESTING THE RE-FILED SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER APPLICATIONS BY THE DEADLINE.**

Protesting the re-filed Southern Nevada Water Applications by the Deadline.

Protestants should be prepared by April 15, 2010 to have their protests to the State Engineer's Office either by U.S. Mail or in person. There are SE offices in Carson City and Las Vegas. See the detailed information at:

[http://www.greatbasinwater.net/news/news\\_display.php?id=425](http://www.greatbasinwater.net/news/news_display.php?id=425)

(Please copy and paste the above address into your browser or simply go to the home page and click on the article: "PROTESTING THE SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER GRAB".

**Date:** Mar. 06, 2010

### **TUES, MAR 16: WORKSHOP ON SUPREME COURT RULING**

Tues, Mar 16: Workshop on Supreme Court Ruling

The Nevada State Engineer will hold a workshop at 12:30 P.M, Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at the Nevada Legislature, Room 1214, 401 S. Carson Street, Carson City, NV and will be teleconferenced to Room 4406 in the Grant Sawyer Office Building, 555 E Washington, Las Vegas, NV.

"The Legislature [in the emergency financial crisis special session ending Mar 1] urged the State Engineer to hold a hearing on potential resolutions of the issues presented by the [Nevada Supreme Court's] Great Basin Water Network decision."

Please come.

**Date:** Feb. 24, 2010

### **ENSURING STABILITY IN SOUTHERN NEVADA'S WATER SUPPLY, FEB 26TH**

Ensuring Stability in Southern Nevada's Water Supply

Reminder - Join us at the open house and symposium featuring scientific leaders and stakeholders who will discuss how climate variability influences the decisions we're making regarding the long-term water source for Southern Nevada.

Participate in a panel discussion on Friday, February 26th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the DRI Laboratory Bay Underground Weighing Lysimeter located at 1500 Buchanan Blvd. in Boulder City. Click here for information.

**Date:** Dec. 29, 2009

### **GREAT BASIN/MOJAVE DESERT CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP, APRIL 20-22, 2010, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**

Natural Resource Needs Related to Climate Change in the Great Basin & Mojave Desert: Research, Adaptation, Mitigation

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Geological Survey, the National Park Service, and the Environmental Protection Agency, in collaboration with several other agencies and organizations, are sponsoring a workshop focusing on natural resource research, adaptation, and mitigation needs related to climate change in the Great Basin and Mojave Desert. The workshop, will be held April 20-22, 2010 at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, and will examine how climate change is affecting natural resources in deserts of the western U.S., as well as the land, water, and species management and research needs that are essential to address in the coming decade.

Workshop objectives include:

- Increase understanding of climate change processes and their effects on the physical systems and biota of the Great Basin and Mojave Desert
- Provide the "best available" scientific information for adapting to change
- Examine research and management needs
- Evaluate management constraints and determine potential solutions

- Develop effective research and management collaborations for addressing climate change into the future

The workshop offers a valuable opportunity for scientists and natural resource managers to gather for a discussion of their information needs and opportunities. The poster session will be a highlight of the workshop, please consider presenting your research results and project information in this forum. For more information, please visit: <http://www.wr.usgs.gov/workshops/>

**Date:** Dec. 09, 2009

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### **CENTRAL NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY HOSTS FORUM IN RENO DEC 17.**

A broad coalition of Nevada, Utah and California Counties are holding an informative session to look at the science and politics of pumping groundwater in remote desert valleys.

Attending will be the head of the Bureau of Land Management, Bob Abbey, as well as numerous County and State experts in hydrology and land management.

For more information and for agenda please contact CNRWA Executive Director Steve Bradhurst at 775-747-2038 or via e-mail at:

[info@cnrwa.com](mailto:info@cnrwa.com)

GREAT BASIN WATER FORUM AGENDA -- DEC 17, 2009, NV ENERGY, RENO

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Also see the website below:

<http://www.earthknowledge.net/projects/cnrwa/cnrwanews/cnrwaagenda/>

**Date:** Nov. 17, 2009

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### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING! NOVEMBER 26, 2009**

**Date:** Oct. 29, 2009

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### **GREEN RIVER: DIVIDED WATERS", AIRS NOV. 9 AT 9 PM AND NOV 15 AT 6 PM**

"Green River: Divided Waters" includes interviews with players in the controversy and also looks at the history -- from John Wesley Powell's first expedition into the unknown river in 1869 to the Echo Park Dam, where environmentalist David Brower said, "You're not going to flood this national park," to the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and more recently to oil shale and gas development.

The documentary airs Nov. 9 at 9 p.m., and again on Nov. 15 at 6 p.m. But KUED will host a free screening of this Diverse Voices program on Nov. 3, at 7 p.m., at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, 410 S. Campus Drive, on the University of Utah campus.

**Date:** Oct. 20, 2009

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**OCTOBER 27: 9 AM: SNAKE VALLEY AQUIFER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEET & VIDEO CONFERENCE**

Snake Valley Aquifer Advisory Council

UT Capitol Hill Complex  
East Building  
Olmstead Room  
October 27, 2009  
9:00 am

video conferencing will be available at  
West Deset HS from 9:00 am  
EskDale HS from 9:15 am

The meeting also will be available in streaming video (details to follow)

**Date:** Oct. 01, 2009

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**FALL BRINGS BRILLIANT COLOR TO SNAKE VALLEY AND GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK**

The changing season has brought a profusion of gold and red and yellow to the peaks and valleys of the entire region. Come and enjoy the feast for the eye and soak in the season.

**Date:** Sep. 30, 2009

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**COMMENT ON THE UT/NV AGREEMENT ENDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2009**

Utah proposes to sign an agreement to permit the Southern Nevada Water Authority to pump 36,000 acre feet of water per year from Utah's Snake Valley to Las Vegas. This deal could devastate area ranching, wildlife and recreation, and turn this West Desert valley into a dust bowl affecting the air quality and snowpack of the Wasatch Front.

The State will accept written comments through September 30, but will not hold any hearings to gather oral comments on this draft agreement, so we invite the public to join the Utah Association of Counties and the Great Basin Water Network for a Citizens' Hearing on the future of the Snake Valley:

For more information, visit [greatbasinwaternetwork.org](http://greatbasinwaternetwork.org)

**Date:** Sep. 18, 2009

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**CAVE, DRY LAKE, DELAMAR ORAL ARGUMENT HEARING, 9 AM, SEPT. 25, 2009, WHITE PINE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ELY, NV**

Cave, Dry Lake, Delamar Oral Argument before Judge Robison, 9 AM, Sept. 25, 2009, White Pine County Courthouse, Ely, NV

**Date:** Sep. 04, 2009

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**CITIZENS' HEARING ON SNAKE VALLEY WATER DEAL: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH FROM 6:30 TO 9:30 P.M. AT THE SALT LAKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT COMPLEX 2100 SOUTH STATE STREET, ROOM #N-2003.**

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Wednesday, September 9th from 6:30 to 9:30 P.M.

Salt Lake County Government Complex  
2100 South State Street, Room #N-2003.

Please Speak Out - Help us put the brakes on this flawed and rushed deal! It's our water! It's our air!

For more information, visit [greatbasinwaternetwork.org](http://greatbasinwaternetwork.org)

**Date:** Sep. 02, 2009

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**NV/UT AGREEMENT COMMENT PERIOD ENDS 9/30/2009**

COMMENT PERIOD ON SNAKE VALLEY UTAH-NEVADA AGREEMENT EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 30

Comment period on Snake Valley Utah-Nevada Agreement Extended to September 30, 2009.

Get a copy of the agreement:

<http://naturalresources.utah.gov/about-dnr/snake-valley-groundwater-agreement.html>

<http://water.nv.gov/>

Written comments about the agreement will be accepted until September 14, 2009.

Comments may be sent by e-mail to:

[snakevalley@utah.gov](mailto:snakevalley@utah.gov)

[snakevalley@water.nv.gov](mailto:snakevalley@water.nv.gov)

Comments may be submitted in writing to:

Snake Valley Agreement  
c/o Utah Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Water Rights  
1594 West North Temple, Suite 220  
SLC, UT 84114

Snake Valley Agreement  
c/o Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Suite 5001  
901 S. Stewart St.  
Carson City, NV 89701

CONTACT

UTAH: Tammy Kikuchi, Utah Dept. of Natural Resources, office: (801) 538-7326, cell: (801) 918-1290;- [tkikuchi@utah.gov](mailto:tkikuchi@utah.gov)

NEVADA: Bob Conrad, Nevada Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, office: (775) 684-2712, cell: (775) 636-7959, [bconrad@dcnr.nv.gov](mailto:bconrad@dcnr.nv.gov)

**Date:** Jun. 01, 2009

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**SNAKE VALLEY FESTIVAL - SUCCESS, 3 DAYS OF FUN. THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE THE EVENT POSSIBLE.**

SNAKE VALLEY DAYS: Success and 3 days of fun. Thanks to everyone who made the event possible.

**Date:** May. 04, 2009

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**MAY 2009: WE SHALL REMAIN: THE GOSHUTE DOCUMENTARY ON KQED**

Before anyone else would try to write their history, five principle nations of indigenous people called the Great Basin Region we now know as Utah their homeland.

<http://www.kued.org/productions/weshallremain/goshute/trailer>

With their own languages and dress and views of the world. With their own customs and rituals and pathways to survival, they flourished for generations in an area that would one day be called "Utah." Theirs is the first story of people in this place.

For the last two hundred years their story has struggled for survival. Their language and histories in

danger of being lost forever.

In the Spring of 2009 KUED teams with PBS to celebrate and preserve the words, the stories and the ways of the Ute, the Paiute, the Northwestern Shoshone, the Goshute [May 4 on KUED] and the Navajo people.

We Shall Remain...The Utah Voices.

<http://www.kued.org/productions/weshallremain/goshute/trailer>

**Date:** Dec. 17, 2008

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**SNAKE VALLEY HEARING DATE PUSHED AHEAD TO FALL 2011.**

The Southern Nevada Water Authority asked for a one year delay in the Snake Valley hearing and the NV State Engineer gave them instead two years. SNWA complained that it hadn't completed its groundwater model for the BLM's EIS so the hearing should be delayed and the State Engineer apparently agreed.