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WATER NETWORK ANNOUNCES CHRIS G AND PATAGONIA REP AS NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Las Vegas — Today Great Basin Water Network Executive Director Kyle Roerink announced two new board members: Former Clark County Commissioner Chris Giunchigliani and Patagonia Reno Outlet Manager, Aaron Altshuler.

For more than 28 years, Giunchigliani served Nevadans in the Legislature and Clark County Commission, advocating for responsible growth, conservation, and social equality during a time of immense change in the state. As a former director on the Southern Nevada Water Authority's Board, Giunchigliani's unparalleled opposition to the Las Vegas Pipeline is reflected in her voting record and public rhetoric against the \$15.5 billion project that will siphon 58 billion gallons of water annually from the desert.

"I am joining the GBWN Board to help protect all Nevadans from the water grab," Giunchigliani said. "SNWA's misguided Groundwater Development Project has pit Eastern Nevada against Southern Nevada for far too long. Las Vegas ratepayers should not be on the hook for a dubious project that will cost them more than \$15 billion, and Eastern Nevadans should not be deprived of their livelihoods and natural resources so others can profit. Communities in our state shouldn't have to battle one another in order to survive."

"No public figure has done more to fight the water grab than Chris G," Roerink said. "When few were willing to challenge SNWA, ask hard questions, and demand answers, she was there for Nevadans. Her policy savvy, knowledge of SNWA's operations, and tireless spirit will bring an inimitable energy and expertise to our board. GBWN is grateful for her commitment to our state."

Altshuler is no stranger to water wars in the West. During his time with Patagonia, he has worked to remove harmful dams and protect wildlife in the Lower Snake River in Washington and oppose an oil terminal in the Port of Portland. Altshuler's connections with the Nevada business community and everyday consumers will help to ensure that GBWN educates more residents on the detrimental impacts of SNWA's project.

"I am excited to join the Great Basin Water Network and assist in the fight to end the Water Grab completely," Altshuler said. "Nevada is a beautiful state and every drop of water is precious to the nature and wildlife that depend on it. Depleting our water table to support the urban sprawl in Southern Nevada is dangerous and needs to be stopped."

"Aaron's leadership in Nevada's business community will be an invaluable asset as we spread our message across the state," Roerink said. "His track record and proven business acumen will help us expand our outreach with all Nevadans."



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