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Reno -- Today, Kyle Roerink, executive director of the Great Basin Water Network, released the following statement on the appointment of Tim Wilson as the Acting Nevada State Engineer (NSE).

“The Nevada State Engineer is a consequential figure who can squelch the disastrous water grab once and for all,” Roerink said. “Governor Sisolak ran on an anti-pipeline platform. His new State Engineer should follow suit. The Southern Nevada Water Authority’s pipeline charade is now entering its 30th year. In the interim and long-term, Acting State Engineer Wilson and any successor must accept SNWA’s proposal for what it really is: a mirage.”

Acting State Engineer Wilson’s appointment comes as the Great Basin Water Network (GBWN) prepares to take on the State Engineer’s office and the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) in Nevada’s Seventh District Court. GBWN is undertaking the fight in order to defend water rights, protect wildlife, and save Las Vegas ratepayers from footing the \$16-billion bill for a wasteful and scientifically unsound infrastructure project in the nation’s driest state.

Great Basin Water Network is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization working for sustainable water policies that protect the Great Basin’s watersheds for current and future residents - human, animal, and plant. GBWN brings disparate communities together to preserve the West’s environment, communities, and cultures. Learn more here.

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