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## Las Vegas Wash

Coordination  
Committee



March 10, 2003

Chairman William Raggio and  
Members of the Senate Finance Committee  
Nevada Senate  
401 South Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

Dear Chairman Raggio and Members:

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 75, WEED CONTROL:**

The Las Vegas Wash Coordination Committee (LVWCC) supports Senate Bill 75 to provide grant funding for local treatment and control of invasive weeds in Nevada. The Las Vegas Wash is an urban waterway that carries flows from the 1,600 square mile Las Vegas Valley to the bay at Lake Mead. With more than 1,500 acres of tamarisk, tall whitetop and other invasive plants along the channel, weed management is an important component in the restoration and enhancement project on the Las Vegas Wash.

An aggressive weed management program is underway to control these invasive plants in this sensitive riparian area and the passage of SB75 will help us achieve our goals. Our current program complements other LVWCC activities in the Wash that include channel stabilization, revegetation, biological studies and water quality monitoring.

The twenty-eight members of federal, state, local entities and citizen groups understand the importance of controlling weeds and protecting the watershed. We encourage the state legislature to support weed management efforts in Nevada.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Zikmund', written over a printed name.

Kim Zikmund  
Watershed Division Manager

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Clark County Health District  
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Control District  
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Nevada Division of  
Environmental Protection  
Nevada State Health Division  
Conservation District of  
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U.S. Geological Survey  
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### Citizen Members

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