

N. Nevada spigot dries up for Vegas water users

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The Nevada Supreme Court dealt a huge blow Thursday to Las Vegas officials' controversial plan to siphon water from the state's rural north, saying that a faulty application process invalidates the south's claim to tens of thousands of acre-feet of water.

Starting in 1989, Las Vegas-area water officials "anticipating a massive population boom in thirsty southern Nevada" asked the state water engineer for groundwater rights in a number of rural valleys. Critics panned the proposal to channel water, via a 300-mile pipeline, from ranching to casino country as an Owens Valley-like grab. A number of people filed formal objections.

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