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CITY LOOKING AT PROPOSALS TO INCREASE WATER SUPPLY

LAS VEGAS, NM – The City of Las Vegas has received proposals from residents of the Las Vegas area for the purchase of wells and/or groundwater rights. The proposals were due at the City of Las Vegas on February 2, 2009 by 3 p.m.

“We are constantly looking into ways to increase the water supply for our residents.” Las Vegas Mayor Tony E. Marquez Jr. said. “The proposals look like they will help us bring additional water to the city.”

City staffs from the legal and utility departments are currently looking into all proposals and their benefit to Las Vegas. The staff will provide Mayor Marquez with the recommendations. From there, the Mayor will recommend the next action regarding the proposals to the city council during a future meeting.

“I look forward to hearing the staff’s recommendations to help remedy the water issue that has plagued Las Vegas for years,” Mayor Marquez said. “These proposals will hopefully help us with attaining additional water.”

Gross receipt tax money will provide the funding for the possible future water rights acquisitions from the proposals. Currently, there is approximately \$1,261,000 available to provide for the water rights purchase if approved by the city council. This money was collected following an election in 2006 and was approved by the Las Vegas voters.