

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 53988,

FILED BY Las Vegas Valley Water District,

ON October 17, 1989, TO APPROPRIATE THE

WATERS OF Underground Sources

} PROTEST

Comes now Marcia Forman, agent for Eastern Unit, Nevada Cattlemen's Association

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is P. O. Box 1077, McGill, Nevada 89318

Street No. or P. O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is Ranching, Private Land Owners, and Grazing Permittees and protests the granting

of Application Number 53988, filed on October 17, 1989

by the Las Vegas Valley Water District to appropriate the

Printed or typed name of applicant

waters of Underground Sources situated in Lincoln

Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

Please See Attachments

THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be DENIED

(Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be)

and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed

*Marcia Forman*

Agent or protestant

Name Marcia Forman, Agent

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address P. O. Box 150

Street No. or P. O. Box No.

Address Ely, Nevada 89301

City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of July, 1990.



*Renee E. Knutson*

Notary Public

State of Nevada

County of White Pine

## REASONS AND GROUNDS FOR PROTEST

1. The granting of this application, in conjunction with any other applications filed by the Las Vegas Valley Water District in this basin, will impair, conflict and interfere with all existing water rights, sources and uses.
2. If granted, the allocation of ALL unappropriated waters in this ground water basin would adversely affect all agricultural operations, including but not limited to the following:
  - a. It will adversely affect the economic welfare of all farms and ranches.
  - b. It will destroy the environmental balance by eliminating the natural surface moistures and reducing the humidity levels which creates the natural growing environment of the surrounding areas, thereby destroying the grazing lands, wetlands and farm lands.
  - c. It will halt all potential agricultural growth.
  - d. It will destroy each agricultural operation because they will be unable to continue to operate or expand.
3. Eastern Nevada has had severe drought conditions for the past three (3) years which has created the following hardships on all cattlemen:
  - a. The grazing areas do not have sufficient feed to support the cattle.
  - b. The surface waters are insufficient for irrigation and stockwatering.
  - c. The water tables are lowering making it very difficult and expensive to pump any water.
  - d. The cattlemen will have to cut their herds, which affects the economic welfare of everyone within the State of Nevada, especially the surrounding communities.

If the drought creates this many hardships, the continual removal of the perennial yield by the Las Vegas Valley Water District WILL destroy all ranching operations as well as the whole environment of each basin.
4. There are different flow systems that underlie the State of Nevada. "These flow systems link the ground water beneath many of the hydrologic basins over distances greater than 200 miles. The implications of this linkage are immense. While the water taken from a basin may be within the perennial yield of that basin, areas as far away as 200 miles may experience drawdown, and the negative impacts associated with this phenomenon (Intertech Consultants, Inc. 1990).
5. Clark County must grow only within the limits of their natural resources or the environmental and socioeconomic balance of the State of Nevada will be destroyed.
6. The State Engineer must consider all of the future environmental and socioeconomic ramifications of the trans-basin transfer of ground waters in order to protect the State of Nevada by not allowing these transfers.
7. The State Engineer has a responsibility to all of the people of Nevada and must consider all adverse affects which the granting of these applications will have on all areas in the State of Nevada.