

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

WHEREAS, the water users in Paradise Valley are desirous of opening the irrigation season early, because the spring runoff has historically begun prior to the decreed opening date of April 1st.

WHEREAS, the water users rarely get the full allotment of 3.6 acre-feet per acre on Class A land, 1.8 acre-feet per acre on Class B land and 0.9 acre-feet per acre on Class C land.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer has the right, power and authority to direct that said irrigating season, shall begin earlier or later, because of the changes in climatic conditions and because of fluctuation in and to the waters of the stream system, giving due regard to the early runoff, allowing the same to go down stream and reach the lower users to serve their irrigation according to their priorities.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer is guided by a 1949 Attorney General's Opinion, which states in part, "...good husbandry and more economical and better beneficial use no doubt will be had by the distribution of the early water downstream to the early users, and this may far better be accomplished by opening of the irrigation season at a much earlier date than April 1st."

WHEREAS, Martin Creek is centrally located and its flow is indicative of flows of other streams in the Little Humboldt System, and when the runoff begins on Martin Creek, it also begins on the other streams.

WHEREAS, when the flow in Martin Creek reaches approximately 45 cubic feet per second as measured at the Martin Creek Gage, all water users in Paradise Valley will receive some water for irrigation.

WHEREAS, the historical temperature data indicate water can be beneficially used for irrigation in March and a portion of February.

NOW THEREFORE, for all streams in Paradise Valley, including the Little Humboldt River below Chimney Dam by consensus of the users on the stream, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the irrigation season will begin when the flow in Martin Creek reaches 45 cubic feet per second, as measured at the Martin Creek gage, but no earlier than February 15 of each year. If the flow in Martin Creek does not exceed 45 cubic feet per second prior to April 1st, then the irrigation season shall begin on April 1. The season shall run for 180 consecutive days on Class A land, 90 consecutive days on Class B land and 45 consecutive days on Class C land.


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State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada
this 16TH day of November 1992.