

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

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NOTICE OF CURTAILMENT OF WATER APPROPRIATION
WITHIN THE DIAMOND VALLEY GROUND WATER BASIN

WHEREAS, the State Engineer has designated the Diamond Valley Ground Water Basin as provided under NRS 534.010 to 534.190, inclusive, by the following Orders:

1. Order No. 277, dated August 5, 1964.
2. Order No. 280, dated August 28, 1964.

WHEREAS, NRS 534.120 provides that within an area that has been designated by the State Engineer where, in his judgment, the ground water basin is being depleted, the State Engineer in his administrative capacity is empowered to make such rules, regulations and orders as are deemed essential for the welfare of the area involved.

WHEREAS, the U. S. Geological Survey estimates that 30,000 acre-feet of water annually are available as a perennial yield from the Diamond Valley Ground Water Basin. Existing ground water rights of record in the State Engineer's office total 127,526 acre-feet per year for the irrigation of 32,650 acres. Approximately 17,000 acres were irrigated during the 1975 irrigation season.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer has found that the ground water is being depleted in portions of the basin, particularly in the agricultural areas south of the South Boundary Line of Township 22 North, M.D.B.& M.

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NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that:

1. All applications filed to appropriate water from the Diamond Valley Ground Water Basin north of the South Boundary Line of Township 22 North, M.D.B. & M. will be considered for approval on an individual basis and on their own merits.
2. All applications filed to appropriate water for irrigation of additional lands within that portion of the designated area of Diamond Valley south of the South Boundary Line of Township 22 North, M.D.B. & M. that have not had a previous water right lost through forfeiture will be denied.
3. All applications filed to appropriate water for irrigation purposes on lands in Diamond Valley that had a previous water right lost through forfeiture will be considered for approval on an individual basis and on their own merits.

Respectfully submitted,


 Roland D. Westergard
 State Engineer

Dated this 22nd
 day of December, 1975.