

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 23911)
FILED TO APPROPRIATE WATERS OF AN)
UNDERGROUND SOURCE (LAS VEGAS) RULING
ARTESIAN BASIN), CLARK COUNTY,)
NEVADA.)

GENERAL:

Application 23911 was filed June 1, 1967 by Rancho Water Co. to appropriate 0.50 c.f.s., of water from an underground source for "Quasi-municipal" purposes. The point of diversion shown on the application is within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 28, T. 20 S., R. 62 E., M.D.B.&M., and the place of use is within the S $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 28.

The well referred to in the subject application has not been drilled and under "Remarks" in the application the applicant states that "It is proposed" to serve 156 lots half acre in size, of residential and commercial users with this and a companion well." W. C. Renshaw, Chief Engineer and General Manager of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, has advised the State Engineer that the District has a 16-inch water line in Nellis Boulevard from which the 156 lots in the entire subdivision (Valley Ranchos) could be served, provided the District took over service to the individual customers (73 living units) presently receiving water from the existing well covered under Application 23912.

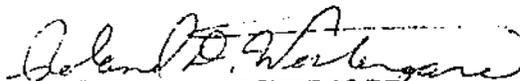
The proposed point of diversion and place of use are within the designated area of the Las Vegas Artesian Basin and actual pumpage records indicate that ground water withdrawals from the Basin exceed estimates of recharge to the Basin.

Application 23911 was considered by the Las Vegas Valley Ground Water Board at their November 7, 1967 meeting and the Board unanimously recommended denial of the application.

RULING

Application 23911 is hereby denied on the grounds that the granting of the application would impair the value of the existing subsurface water rights in the Basin and would be detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,


ROLAND D. WESTERGARD
State Engineer

Dated this 15th day of
December 1967