

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 26078 )  
FILED TO APPROPRIATE UNDERGROUND WATER )  
IN THE LOVELOCK VALLEY, OREANA SUBAREA )  
IN PERSHING COUNTY, NEVADA. )

R U L I N G

GENERAL: 73A

Application 26078 was filed April 26, 1971 by William G. and Cellia F. Kirkbride, to appropriate 6.5 c.f.s. of water from an underground source for irrigation purposes. The point of diversion is within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 21, T. 29 N., R. 33 E., M. D. B. & M. The place of use is described as being within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Section 21, T. 29 N., R., 33 E., M. D. B. & M.

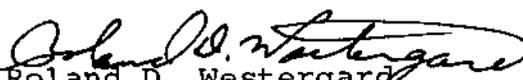
The purpose of this application is to supplement irrigation water under permit 17099, Certificate 4815. Certificate 4815 was issued for 1.5 c.f.s. of water to irrigate 314.7 acres within the S $\frac{1}{2}$  Section 21, T. 29 N., R. 33 E., and further limited to 455.1 acre-feet per season. This certificate stands in the name of Morry Sterling and William Cramer, an undivided one-half interest each.

The proposed point of diversion and place of use under application 26078, are in the designated basin as described in Order 370 dated February 25, 1969 to quote, " Most of the available ground water of suitable chemical quality for municipal purposes occurs in the alluvium in the above described area and ground water pumped from said area is used by the City of Lovelock and residents of Lovelock Valley for a municipal supply. The safeguarding of the aforementioned limited water supply necessitates and demands that municipal use be declared a preferred use of the ground water resource of the above described area and that no additional permits be granted within the area to appropriate ground water for the irrigation of lands."

RULING

Application 26078 is hereby denied on the grounds that granting the application will impair the value of the existing sub-surface water rights in the basin and would be detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Roland D. Westergard  
State Engineer

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Dated this 29 day

of September, 1971.