

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NO. 23126
FILED TO APPROPRIATE WATERS OF AN UNDER-
GROUND SOURCE, (LAS VEGAS ARTESIAN BASIN),
CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA

R U L I N G

GENERAL:

Application 23126 was filed on May 9, 1966 by the Sands, Inc. to appropriate 1.0 c.f.s. of water from an underground source for "Recreational Golf Course" purposes. The point of diversion shown on the application is within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 21S., R. 61E., M.D.B.&M. and the place of use is wholly within said Section 16. The proposed point of diversion and place of use are within the designated area of the Las Vegas Artesian Basin.

Studies and records of the ground water resource in the Las Vegas Artesian Basin indicate a decline in the water table in the area of the proposed appropriation. The proposed additional withdrawal would increase the rate of this decline. Actual pumpage records indicate that withdrawals from the Basin exceed estimates of recharge to the basin.

W. C. Renshaw, Chief Engineer & General Manager of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, has advised the State Engineer that the District has existing water lines in the immediate vicinity of the proposed well covered by Application 23126 and can furnish the applicant the quantity of water proposed to be appropriated under the application.

The subject application was considered by the Las Vegas Valley Ground Water Board at their November 7, 1967 meeting and the board recommended denial of the application.

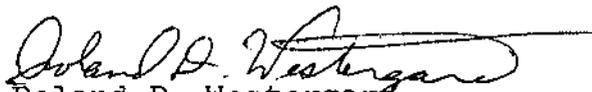
OPINION:

It is the opinion of the State Engineer that the granting of a subsurface right in the Las Vegas Artesian Basin when water is available from an entity such as a water district or a municipality engaged in furnishing water would impair the value of existing subsurface water rights and be detrimental to the public welfare.

RULING

Application 23126 is hereby denied on the grounds that the granting of the application would impair the value of existing subsurface water rights and be detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully Submitted,


Roland D. Westergaard
State Engineer

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Dated This 15th Day