

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 24693)  
FILED BY JOE GARONE TO APPROPRIATE)  
WATERS OF AN UNDERGROUND SOURCE IN)  
LAS VEGAS ARTESIAN BASIN, CLARK )  
COUNTY, NEVADA )

R U L I N G

GENERAL:

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Application 24693 was filed by Joe Garone to appropriate water from an underground source for irrigation and domestic purposes. The point of diversion shown on the Application is within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36, T. 21 S., R. 61 E., M.D.B.&M. and the place of use is in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 36, (22,776 acres). 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 lowering of the water table over much of the basin. 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.

The subject application was considered at the January 7, 1969 meeting of the Las Vegas Valley Ground Water Board. The board recommended denial of the application.

OPINION:

It is the opinion of this office that the granting of a subsurface right for irrigation purposes in the Las Vegas Artesian Basin would adversely affect the existing water rights in the basin and would be detrimental to the public welfare.

RULING:

Application 24693 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. Westergard  
State Engineer

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Dated this 3rd day

of February , 1969