

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 26194 )  
FILED BY WESTERN INVESTMENTS INC. )  
TO APPROPRIATE WATER FROM AN UNDER- ) R U L I N G  
GROUND SOURCE IN LEMMON VALLEY, )  
WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA. )

GENERAL

Application 26194 was filed on July 8, 1971, by Western Investment Inc. to appropriate 2.0 c.f.s. of water from an underground source for quasi-municipal and domestic purposes. The proposed point of diversion is within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 16, T.20N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M. The place of use is described as within a portion of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 16, T.20N., R.19E., M.D.B.&M. The period of use will be from January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Protest to the granting of Application 26194 was filed November 11, 1971, by Allen R. Wilcox. The basis of the protest is an uncertain water supply to satisfy the present demands for existing uses.

The open file report titled "Evaluation of the Water Resources of Lemmon Valley with Emphasis on Effects of Ground-Water Development to 1971" prepared by the U. S. Geological Survey in cooperation with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources, the City of Reno and the County of Washoe reports an annual recharge of 600 acre-feet to the East Lemmon Valley subarea. Further, the report states that chances for a local overdraft would be reduced in the Black Springs area if the annual net pumpage were held to 170 acre-feet or less.

Existing water rights of record to appropriate ground water within the East Lemmon Valley and Black Springs subarea and Lemmon Valley exceed estimates of recharge to the subarea and the Valley.

RULING

Application 26173 is herewith denied on the grounds that this additional withdrawal of water from the Lemmon

Valley ground water basin will adversely affect and tend to impair the value of existing water rights.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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State Engineer

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Dated this 26th day  
of April 1972.