

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 30135)
FILED BY GILBERT T. AND LOIS K.)
RODMAN TO APPROPRIATE UNDERGROUND)
WATER FROM THE PAHRUMP ARTESIAN)
BASIN, NYE COUNTY, NEVADA)

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On April 5, 1976 Gilbert T. and Lois K. Rodman filed Application 30135 to appropriate 1.0 c.f.s. of underground water from the Pahrump Artesian Basin in Nye County, Nevada. The point of diversion is within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 17, T.21S., R.54E., M.D.M. and the water is to be used for irrigation and domestic purposes on 20 acres within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Section 17.

On June 1, 1970 by Order 381 irrigation use was excluded from the preferred uses of the ground water resources in the Pahrump Artesian Basin and Order 381 states that additional permits will not be allowed to appropriate ground water for the irrigation and development of new land. The reasons for curtailing irrigation permits were that records on file show that pumpage and water rights far exceed the U.S.G.S. estimate of perennial ground water yield of 12,000 acre-feet per year. These conditions continue to exist and 1975 pumpage was estimated to be 40,747 acre-feet of ground water.

RULING

Application 30135 is hereby denied on the grounds that irrigation is not a preferred use of the limited ground water reservoir in the Pahrump Artesian Basin and the granting of Application 30135 to irrigate additional land would be detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,


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State Engineer

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Dated this 20th day
of July, 1976.