

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 32630)
FILED BY WILLIAM CURL, GERALDING R.)
CURL AND SUSAN YOUNG TO APPROPRIATE)
UNDERGROUND WATER FROM THE PAHRUMP)
ARTESIAN BASIN, NYE COUNTY, NEVADA)

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On July 1, 1977 William Curl, Geraldine R. Curl and Susan Young filed Application 32630 to appropriate 10 c.f.s., of underground water from the Pahrump Artesian Basin in Nye County, Nevada. The point of diversion is within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 24, T.21S., R.53E., M.D.M., and the water is to be used for irrigation purposes on 480 acres within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 24, T.21S., R.53E., M.D.M.

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 reason 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 1977 pumpage was estimated to be 42,900 acre-feet of ground water.

RULING

Application 32630 is 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 32630 to irrigate would be detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,


Roland D. Westergard
State Engineer

RDW/JC/jv

Dated this 15th day

of June, 1978.