

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS 34982 )  
AND 35213 FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE )  
WATER OF AN UNDERGROUND SOURCE FROM )  
THE SPANISH SPRINGS VALLEY GROUND )  
WATER BASIN, WASHOE COUNTY, NEVADA. )

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INTRODUCTION

Applications 34982 and 35213 were filed in the office of the State Engineer on February 14, 1978 and March 23, 1978, respectively, to appropriate water from an underground source for quasi-municipal and domestic purposes in Spanish Springs Valley, Washoe County, Nevada.

Water Resources Reconnaissance Series Report 43 "Water Resources Appraisal of the Warm Springs-Lemmon Valley area, Washoe County, Nevada", 1967, by F. Eugene Rush and Patrick A. Glancy; Water Resources Reconnaissance Series Report 57 "A Brief Water Resources Appraisal of the Truckee River Basin, Western Nevada", 1973, by A. S. Vandenberg, R. D. Lamke and J. L. Hughes, were prepared cooperatively by the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources and the U. S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey. These reports are available in the office of the State Engineer.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Applications 34982 and 35213 were filed on February 14, 1978 and March 23, 1978, respectively, by Oasis Mobile Home Estates for permission to appropriate 0.25 c.f.s. of water from each of the two wells located within the SW1/4 NE1/4 Section 21, T.20N., R.20E., M.D.B.&M. The water is proposed to be used for domestic supply to 130 mobile home units located within the SW1/4 NE1/4 of said Section 21. 1/

II

Oasis Mobile Home Estates is presently the owner of Permits 24318 and 24319 from these same two wells. The certificates under Permits 24318 and 24319 allow for a total combined diversion of 8.322 million gallons annually for service to 80 mobile home units within the Oasis Trailer Park. 2/

III

The estimated annual recharge to the Spanish Springs Valley Ground Water Basin is approximately 600 acre-feet per year. 3/

IV

Applications 34982 and 35213 propose to divert 0.25 c.f.s. of water each for a total combined annual diversion of 14.235 million gallons annually. Of this amount, 5.913 million gallons annually would be in addition to the water allowed under Permits 24318 and 24319. 4/

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Existing water rights of record from an underground source in the Spanish Springs Valley Ground Water Basin total 8477 acre-feet annually of which 1768 acre feet are certificated and 6708 acre-feet are permitted rights. 5/

VI

The proposed points of diversion under Applications 34982 and 35213 are within the area of the Spanish Springs Valley Ground Water Basin as designated by the State Engineer under the provisions of NRS 534.030. 6/

VII

The proposed points of diversion under Applications 34982 and 35213 are located in the vicinity of the Orr Ditch (extended) serving irrigation and stock water to a portion of Spanish Springs Valley from the Truckee River under the Orr Ditch Decree. 7/

VIII

Should additional water be allowed for appropriation under Applications 34982 and 35213 and should subsequent development of ground water pursuant thereto detrimentally affect prior existing ground water and surface water rights, the State Engineer is required by law to order withdrawals restricted to conform to priority rights. 8/

CONCLUSIONS

I

The State Engineer has jurisdiction of the parties and the subject matter of this action. 9/

II

The State Engineer is prohibited by law from granting a permit where:

- A. There is no unappropriated water at the proposed source, or
- B. The proposed use conflicts with existing rights, or
- C. The proposed use threatens to prove detrimental to the public welfare. 10/

RULING

Applications 34982 and 35213 are herewith denied on the grounds that the appropriation of the water applied for would tend to impair the value of existing rights and be detrimental to the public interest and welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated this 21st day

of JULY, 1978.

FOOTNOTES

1. Public records in the office of the State Engineer.
2. Public records in the office of the State Engineer.
3. Water Resources Reconnaissance Series Report 43, page 23.
4. Public records in the office of the State Engineer.
5. Public records in the office of the State Engineer.
6. State Engineer's Order #533 dated March 10, 1975.
7. U. S. District Court for the District of Nevada entitled U. S. vs Orr Water Ditch Company, et al, Equity Docket A-3
8. NRS 534.110, subsections 3 and 6.
9. NRS 533.025 and 533.030 subsection 1.
10. NRS 533.370, subsection 4.