

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 37466)
FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC)
WATERS FROM AN UNDERGROUND SOURCE)
WITHIN THE RUBY VALLEY GROUND WATER)
BASIN IN ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA.)

RULING

GENERAL

Application 37466¹ was filed on April 12, 1979, by Gordon D. and Elizabeth A. Peterson to appropriate 4.0 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the S1/2 Section 14, T.32N., R.60E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 14, T.32N., R.60E., M.D.B.&M.

FINDINGS

I.

Records and information² available to the State Engineer indicate that Application 37466 was filed in support of Desert Land Entry application.

II.

By letter³ dated March 5, 1984 the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, notified the State Engineer that the following Desert Land Entry Application had been closed and the case file is dead.

<u>BLM ENTRY NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LAND DESCRIPTION</u>
N-22732	Gordon D. Peterson	T.32N., R.60E., Sec. 23

III.

The applicant under Application 37466 does not own or control the land described under the place of use of the application.

¹ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under application to appropriate 37466.

² Public records in the office of the State Engineer.

³ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under Application 37466.

CONCLUSIONS

I.

The State Engineer has jurisdiction⁴ over the matter described herein.

II.

Application 37466 was filed in support of Desert Land Entry. The Desert Land Entry application described under III of Findings has been closed on the records of the Bureau of Land Management, therefore, the applicant does not own or control the land described under the place of use of the application and cannot demonstrate the ability to place the water to beneficial use.

III.

To grant application to appropriate the public waters for irrigation on lands the applicant does not own or control or where the applicant cannot demonstrate the ability to place the water to beneficial use, would not be in the public interest and welfare.

RULING

Application 37466 is herewith denied on the grounds that to grant the application for irrigation purposes on lands that the applicant does not own or control and cannot demonstrate the ability to place the water to beneficial use, would not be in the public interest and welfare.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter G. Morros
State Engineer

PGM/BD/bl

Dated this 9th day of
MARCH, 1984.

⁴ NRS Chapters 533 and 534.