

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 38498)
FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC)
WATERS FROM AN UNDERGROUND SOURCE)
WITHIN THE MARYS RIVER AREA GROUND)
WATER BASIN IN ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA.)

RULING

GENERAL

Application 38498¹ was filed on July 9, 1979, by Fred T. Hunt to appropriate 5.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the W1/2 Section 7, T.38N., R.61E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 7, T.38N., R.61E., M.D.B.&M.

FINDINGS

I.

Marys River Area Ground Water Basin was described and designated² by the State Engineer on February 14, 1984, as a ground water basin in need of additional administration under the provisions of NRS Chapter 534.

II.

Records and information³ available to the State Engineer indicate that Application 38498 was filed in support of Desert Land Entry application.

III.

By letter⁴ dated March 29, 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-23438	Fred T. Hunt	T.38N., R.61E., Sec. 7

¹ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under application to appropriate 38498.

² Public record in the office of the State Engineer - State Engineer's Order No. 837. See also transcript of public hearing before the State Engineer on November 17, 1983. NRS 534.030.

³ Public records in the office of the State Engineer.

⁴ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under Application 38498.

IV.

The applicant under Application 38498 does not own or control the land described under the place of use of the application.

CONCLUSIONS

I.

The State Engineer has jurisdiction⁵ over the matter described herein.

II.

Application 38498 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 38498 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 12th day of
APRIL, 1984.

⁵ NRS Chapters 533 and 534.