

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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NOTICE OF CURTAILMENT OF WATER APPROPRIATION
WITHIN THE SMITH VALLEY ARTESIAN BASIN

WHEREAS, NRS 534.120 provides that within an area that has been designated by the State Engineer where, in his judgment, the ground water basin is being depleted, the State Engineer in his administrative capacity is empowered to make such rules, regulations and orders as are deemed essential for the welfare of the area involved, and

WHEREAS, the State Engineer has designated the Smith Valley Artesian Basin as provided under NRS 534.010 to 543.190, inclusive, by the Order No. 245 dated June 27, 1960, and

WHEREAS, the State Engineer issued Order No. 253 on August 2, 1961, directing the installation of suitable measuring devices on all permitted wells within the Smith Valley Artesian Basin, and

WHEREAS, the United States Geological Survey estimates that the perennial yield of the Smith Valley Artesian Basin is 17,000 acre-feet annually, excluding any recharge obtained from secondary recharge from surface water irrigation, and

WHEREAS, the existing permits and certificates of record at the State Engineer's office for ground water withdrawal within the Smith Valley Artesian Basin exceed 59,000 acre-feet annually, and

WHEREAS, the pumpage of ground water in the Smith Valley Artesian Basin is in excess of the perennial yield.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that, with the following exceptions, applications filed to appropriate water from the ground water source pursuant to Chapter 534 within the designated Smith Valley Artesian Basin will be denied.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Those applications filed for commercial, stockwater or industrial purposes and only those applications which seek to appropriate 1,800 gallons per day or less and where the property is zoned for such purposes.
2. Those applications for environmental permits filed pursuant to NRS 533.437.

3. Those applications filed for water from the geothermal aquifer for industrial or heating purposes


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State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada, this
4th day of FEBRUARY, 1997.