

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

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ORDER

WHEREAS, NRS 534.120 provides that within an area that has been designated by the State Engineer, where in his judgment, the hydrographic 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.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer designated the Grass Valley Hydrographic Basin as provided under NRS 534.030 by the following Order:

1. Order No. 464, dated July 24, 1972, and

WHEREAS, the United States Geological Survey estimates the perennial yield of the Grass Valley Hydrographic Basin is 13,000 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 from ground water withdrawal within the Grass Valley Hydrographic Basin exceed 60,912 acre-feet annually, and

WHEREAS, the pumpage of the ground water in the Grass Valley Hydrographic Basin is in excess of the perennial yield.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that, with the following exceptions, applications filed to appropriate ground water pursuant to chapter 534 within the designated Grass Valley Hydrographic Basin will be denied.

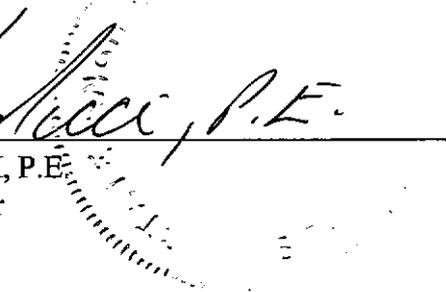
EXCEPTIONS:

1. Those applications filed for commercial, industrial, stockwater or wildlife purposes and only those applications that 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 to 533.4377, inclusive.



HUGH RICCI, P.E.
State Engineer



Dated at Carson City, Nevada,

this 7th day of August, 2003