

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ORDER

NOTICE OF CURTAILMENT OF WATER APPROPRIATION

WITHIN THE CARSON DESERT GROUND WATER BASIN

The State Engineer designated the Carson Desert Ground Water Basin as provided under NRS 534.010 to 534.190, inclusive, by Order 716 dated July 6, 1978.

The Carson Desert has extensive underground water resources but the fresh water portion of the resource is limited and recharge is mainly dependent upon precipitation and irrigation using surface water.

The irrigation of additional land using underground water would threaten to impair the value of existing underground and surface water rights now being used for municipal, domestic, irrigation, recreation, industrial, commercial and stockwatering purposes.

In accordance with NRS 534.120, subsection 2, the irrigation of additional land using underground water is not considered to be a preferred use of the limited underground fresh water resource.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that:

All applications filed after October 4, 1978 to appropriate underground water to irrigate additional land within the Carson Desert Ground Water Basin will be denied.

This order does not preclude the development of and/or improvement of existing systems for collecting and recirculating surface water applied for irrigation purposes in accordance with existing water rights.



Roland D. Westergard
State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada,

this 4TH day of OCT., 1978.