

OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

ORDER

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.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer has designated the Pahrump Artesian Basin as provided under NRS 534.010 to 534.190, inclusive, by the following Orders:

1. Order No. 176, dated March 11, 1941;
2. Order No. 193, dated January 15, 1948, extending the boundary of the Pahrump Valley Artesian Basin;
3. Order No. 205, dated January 23, 1953, extending the boundary of the Pahrump Valley Artesian Basin and;

WHEREAS, the State Engineer issued Order No. 206 on May 4, 1953, directing the installation of measuring devices on all permitted wells (excluding domestic wells) within the Pahrump Valley Artesian Basin.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer issued Order No. 381 on June 1, 1970, giving notice that no further appropriations would be approved for irrigation purposes in the Pahrump Valley Artesian Basin.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer issued Order No. 955 on October 26, 1987, denying new appropriations on the Pahrump and Manse alluvial fans and declared new appropriations for commercial uses, off the fan and requiring 5,000 gallons a day or less, preferred uses.

WHEREAS, the United States Geological Survey estimates that the perennial yield of the Pahrump Valley Artesian Basin is 19,000 acre-feet annually, and the State Engineer estimated the perennial yield may be on the order of 12,000 acre-feet annually. Existing ground water rights of record in the State Engineer's office exceeds 75,000 acre-feet. Irrigation water rights in the Pahrump Valley total approximately 55,000 acre-feet; and municipal, quasi-


municipal and commercial water rights total 20,000 acre-feet annually.

WHEREAS, the pumpage of ground water in the Pahrump 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 groundwater source pursuant to NRS 534.120 within the designated Pahrump Valley Artesian Basin will be denied.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Those applications filed for commercial (non-living units) or industrial purposes off the fan and only those applications which seek to appropriate 1,800 gallons per day or less and where the property zoned for such purposes shall be processed and subject to NRS 533 and 534.
2. Those applications for Environmental permits filed pursuant to NRS 533.437.


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State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada, this

8th day of NOVEMBER, 1994.