

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 53983,  
FILED BY Las Vegas Valley Water District  
ON October 17, 1989, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF 173A-2R, Railroad Val., Nye, Nv

PROTEST

Comes now Robert A. BENTZ  
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is STAR Rte 71690, Pahrump, Nev. 89041  
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is Heavy Equipment Operator, and protests the granting  
of Application Number 53983, filed on October 17<sup>TH</sup>, 1989

by Las Vegas Valley Water District to appropriate the  
Printed or typed name of applicant  
waters of Basin No# 173A-2R, Railroad Valley situated in Nye  
Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

( See Addendum )

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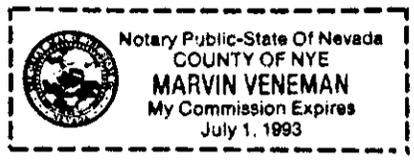
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THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be Denied  
(Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be)

and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Robert A. Bentz  
Agent or protestant  
Robert A. BENTZ  
Printed or typed name, if agent  
Address STAR Rte 71690  
Street No. or P.O. Box No.  
Pahrump, Nevada, 89041  
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of July, 1990



Marvin E Veneman  
Notary Public  
State of Nevada  
County of Nye

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"ADDENDUM"  
I PROTEST THE AFOREMENTIONED  
APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS  
AND ON THE FOLLOWING GROUNDS, TO WIT:

1. This Application is one of 146 applications filed by the Las Vegas Valley Water District seeking a combined appropriation of some 864,195 acre feet of ground and surface water primarily for municipal use in Clark County. Diversion and export of such a quantity of water will deprive the area of origin of the water needed to protect and enhance its environment and economic well being, and the diversion will unnecessarily destroy environmental, ecological, scenic and recreational values that the State holds in trust for all its citizens.

2. The granting or approving of the subject Application in the absence of comprehensive planning, including but not limited to environmental impact considerations, cost considerations, socioeconomic impact considerations, and a water resource plan (such as is required by the Public Service Commission of private purveyors of water) for the Las Vegas Valley Water District Service area is detrimental to the public welfare and interest.

3. The Las Vegas Valley Water District lacks the financial capability for developing and transporting water under the subject permit which is a prerequisite to putting the water to beneficial use.

4. The subject application should be denied because the population projections upon which the water demand projections are based are unrealistic and ignore numerous constraints to growth, including traffic congestion, increased costs of infrastructure and services, degraded air quality, etc.

5. The granting or approval of the above-referenced Application would be detrimental to the public interest and not made in good faith since it would allow the Las Vegas Valley Water District to lock up vital water resources for possible use sometime in the distant future beyond current planning horizons.

6. The subject application should be denied because current and developing trends in housing, landscaping, national plumbing fixture standards and demographic patterns all suggest that the simplistic water demand forecasts upon which the proposed transfers are based substantially overstate future water demand needs.

~~7. Inasmuch as a water extraction and transbasin conveyance project of this magnitude has never been considered by the State Engineer, it is therefore impossible to anticipate all~~

7. Inasmuch as a water extraction and transbasin conveyance project of this magnitude has never been considered by the State Engineer, it is therefore impossible to anticipate all potential adverse affects without further information and study. Accordingly, the protestant reserves the right to amend the subject protest to include such issues as they may develop as a result of further information and study.

8. We here in the Town of Pahrump know first hand the economic hardship caused by over appropriation of water. Currently the growth of the Pahrump Valley is threatened because of technical over allocation of water. If the Las Vegas Valley Water District is allowed to obtain all remaining available water rights in the various water basins as they have requested, then all these areas will be growth stunted at their current levels. I protest the water acquisitions that the Las Vegas Valley Water District has requested. The current request would destroy the economic and growth potential of each basin affected.

9. The undersigned additionally incorporates by reference as though fully set forth herein and adopts as its own, each and every other protest to the subject application filed pursuant to NRS 533.365.