

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

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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 53987

FILED BY LVVWD / SNWA

ON 10/17/89 TO APPROPRIATE THE

WATERS OF UNDERGROUND.

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PROTEST

Comes now the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club

whose post office address is P.O. Box 8096, Reno, NV 89507

whose occupation is a Conservation Organization and protests the granting

of Application Number 53987, filed on 10/17/89

by LVVWD / SNWA to appropriate the

waters of UNDERGROUND situated in LINCOLN

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

Please see attached one page Statement of Reasons

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THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be DENIED and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Dennis Ghiglieri  
Dennis Ghiglieri

Printed or Typed name, if agent

Address Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club  
P.O. Box 8096, Reno, NV 89507

Address, City, State, Zip

Phone Number (775) 329-6118

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of MARCH, 2011



Lori Wray  
Notary Public

State of NEVADA

County of WASHOE

**Attachment to Protest of Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club Against**

**Application No. 53987, Filed 10/17/89**

**by the LVVWD and owned by the SNWA.**

This attachment lists and briefly describes the reasons and grounds for this protest of Toiyabe Chapter, Sierra Club ("Protestant") against Application Number **53987**. The LVVWD /SNWA ("Applicant") has filed this Application to appropriate groundwater from **CAVE VALLEY** Basin (*Basin # 180*) as part of its massive proposed network of wells and pipelines stretching across eastern Nevada from Clark County through Lincoln County and into White Pine County.

1. There is insufficient water available in the proposed source of supply.
2. The application and proposed use would conflict with existing water rights and protectable interests in domestic and/or ranch production and/or municipal wells.
3. The appropriation and export of water proposed in this application would be detrimental to the public interest on environmental grounds in the basin of origin and in hydrologically connected and/or downwind basins and would be environmentally unsound as it relates to the proposed export basin: Harm to wildlife and wildlife habitat, degradation of air quality, destruction of recreational and aesthetic values, degradation of water quality, degradation of cultural resources, harm to state wildlife management areas and parks and state and federal wildlife refuges and parks.
4. The appropriation and export of water proposed in this application would be detrimental to the public interest on economic grounds and would unduly limit future growth and development in the basin from which the export is proposed: undue limitation of future economic activity and growth in the basin of origin; undue economic harm will extend to the economies and communities of downgradient hydrologically connected and downwind basins; loss of public lands grazing and forage.
5. The proposed action is not an appropriate long-term use of Nevada's water.
6. The Applicant has not justified the need to import water from another basin.
7. The Applicant has not implemented a sufficient conservation plan.
8. The Applicant has not demonstrated the good faith intent or financial ability and reasonable expectation to actually construct the work and apply the water to the intended beneficial use with reasonable diligence.
9. The Applicant has a duplicative application 79276 filed in 2010 which may require a duplicative hearing for the same groundwater.
10. The appropriation and export of groundwater from Cave, Dry Lake, and Delamar Valleys will harm hydrologically connected areas including but not limited to Pahrnagat and Moapa National Wildlife Refuges, Pahrnagat and White River Valleys and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, and Overton and Key Pittman and Wayne E. Kirsch Wildlife Management Areas.
11. Protestant reserves the right to amend this protest to include issues as they develop and incorporates other protests to SNWA's applications by reference.