

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 540.10  
FILED BY Sarah G. Bishop  
ON July 3 19 90, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Spring Valley

PROTEST

Comes now Sarah G. Bishop  
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is 1855 Quarley Pl. Henderson, NV 89014  
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is President, Partners in Parks, and protests the granting

of Application Number 540.10, filed on October 17, 19 89

by Las Vegas Valley Water District  
Printed or typed name of applicant

waters of Spring Valley situated in White Pine  
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:

Please See Attached Statement

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 Sarah G. Bishop  
Agent or protestant

Printed or typed name, if agent  
Address 1855 Quarley Pl.  
Street No. or P.O. Box No.  
Henderson, NV 89014  
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of July 19 90



NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF NEVADA  
County of Clark  
PAMELA J. JONES  
My Appointment Expires April 3, 1994

Pamela J. Jones  
Notary Public  
State of Nevada  
County of Clark

\$10 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.  
ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

I protest this Application on the part of the Las Vegas Valley Water District to purchase this water right because I do not want one nickle of our tax dollars going to purchase water rights until a comprehensive water conservation plan for Clark County has been drawn up and become fully effective. Until such time, the County should be denied permission to purchase this or any other water right.

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.

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.

The approval of the subject Application will sanction and encourage the willful waste of water that has been allowed, if not encouraged, by the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

The subject Application should be denied because previous and current conservation programs instituted by the Las Vegas Valley Water District are ineffective public-relations oriented efforts that are unlikely to achieve substantial water savings. Public policy and public interest considerations should preclude the negative environmental and socio-economic consequences of the proposed transfers on areas of origin when the potential water importer has failed to make a good-faith effort to efficiently use currently available supplies.

The subject Application should be denied because the current per capita water consumption rate for the Las Vegas Valley Water District is double that of similarly situated southwestern municipalities. This suggests enormous potential for more cost-effective supply alternatives, including demand management and effluent re-use. These alternatives have not been seriously considered by the Las Vegas Valley Water District.

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.