

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 54028

FILED BY Las Vegas Valley Water Dist.

ON ^{9th} ~~March 16~~ ^{October 17} 19 ~~89~~ ⁸⁹ TO APPROPRIATE THE

WATERS OF Snake Valley / White Pine Co.

PROTEST

Comes now The School of the Natural Order, Inc.

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is P. O. Box 150, Baker NV 89311

Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is Non-profit Educational Corporation, and protests the granting

of Application Number 54028, filed on ^{9th} ~~March 16~~ ^{October 17} 19 ~~89~~ ⁸⁹

by Las Vegas Valley Water District to appropriate the

Printed or typed name of applicant

waters of underground in Snake 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:

SEE ATTACHMENTS

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 Susan G. Wetmore

Agent by protestant

Susan Wetmore, Sec., School of the Natural Order

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address P. O. Box 150

Street No. or P.O. Box No.

Baker NV 89311

City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ^{23rd} day of June 19 90

Hon. Val Taylor
Notary Public

State of NV

County of White Pine

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
BAKER TOWNSHIP
BAKER, NV 89311

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ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

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ATTACHMENT TO PROTEST OF APPLICATION NO. 54028
BY LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

This application is one of nine filed by Las Vegas Valley Water District for a total of 51,100 acre feet to be appropriated from Snake Valley. Diversion and export of such a quantity of water will deprive Snake Valley of the water needed for its environmental and economic well-being, and will unnecessarily destroy environmental, ecological, scenic and recreational values that the State holds in trust for all its citizens.

Said application, if approved, would prevent or interfere with the development of the community water supply in Snake Valley. The Baker Water & Sewer General Improvement District was formed for this purpose after completion of an engineering study by Eric Beyer. Said water system is critically needed for the health and economic well-being of Snake Valley, as well as for serving the needs of some 80,000 annual visitors to Great Basin National Park.

Approval of this application would jeopardize the community water supply that is now being developed in Snake Valley for the town of Baker, by means of the Baker General Improvement District. This quasi-municipal water system is necessary for the healthy growth and economic development of Snake Valley, and to serve the 80,000 annual visitors to Great Basin National Park.

This application is one of nine applications filed on water in Snake Valley for a total of 51,100 acre feet. The appropriation of this water when added to the already approved appropriations and dedicated users will far exceed the annual recharge and safe yield of the basin, adversely affecting existing rights and public interest.

According to USGS studies cited in Water Related Scientific Activities of the USGS in Nevada, 1985-89, pp. 47, 48, 57, and 58, it is impossible to predict the consequences of exporting water in such quantities. "Comprehensive studies of this aquifer system have not been made, and little appropriate data are available."

This application is one of 145 applications filed by the Las Vegas Valley Water District seeking to appropriate 804,195 acre feet of ground water primarily for municipal use within the service area of the District in Clark County. Diversion and export of such a quantity of water will: lower the static water level in Snake Valley; adversely affect the quality of remaining ground water; and further threaten springs, seeps and