

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 54032, FILED BY Las Vegas Valley Water District PROTEST ON October 17, 1989, TO APPROPRIATE THE WATERS OF underground sources

Comes now Nevada Farm Bureau Federation, whose post office address is 1300 Marietta Way Sparks, NV, 89431, whose occupation is general agricultural organization, and protests the granting of Application Number 54032, filed on October 17, 1989, by Las Vegas Valley Water District to appropriate the waters of underground sources situated in Lincoln County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

(See Attached)

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 Doug Busselman, Agent or protestant, Doug Busselman, Executive Vice President, Address 1300 Marietta Way Sparks, NV, 89431

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of July 19 90

MARTHA A. SCHNEIDER, Notary Public - State of Nevada, Appointment Provided in Washoe County, MY APPOINTMENT EXPIRES JULY 24, 1993

Marta A. Schneider, Notary Public, State of Nevada, County of Washoe

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NEVADA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

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1. This application is one of a multiple group of 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 from this water basin will lower the ground water tables thereby negatively impacting the quality of remaining ground waters, further threatening springs and seeps which provide water for grazing livestock and other surface area uses.
2. The appropriation of this water, when added to the existing uses of this basin, will exceed the annual recharge and safe yield of the basin.
3. The appropriation of this magnitude of water will deprive the area of origin water needed for its environmental and economic well being, especially as it applies to the agricultural uses for this area.
4. The granting or approving of this application, in the absence of comprehensive planning, including but not limited to the environmental impacts, socioeconomic impacts, and long term impacts on the water resource threatens to be detrimental to the public interest.
5. This application should be denied because it fails to include the statutorily required:
 - a. Description of the place of use;
 - b. Description of the proposed works;
 - c. The estimated cost of such works; and
 - d. The estimated time required to put the subject water to beneficial use.
6. Inasmuch as a water extraction and transbasin conveyance project of this magnitude has never been considered by the State Engineer, it is impossible to anticipate all the potential adverse impacts on the area's agricultural and general public interest. Because of this the Nevada Farm Bureau Federation reserves the right to amend the subject protest to include such issues as they may develop as a result of further information and study.