

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

**PROTEST**

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 58589  
FILED BY SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY ON March 09, 1993, TO  
APPROPRIATE THE WATERS OF the Muddy River and it's Tributaries  
Comes Now U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian  
Affairs, Phoenix Area Office, Assistant Phoenix Area Director  
Whose post office address is P.O. Box 10, Phoenix, Arizona  
85001 Whose occupation is Indian Affairs, and protests the  
granting of Application Number 58589 filed on March 09, 1993  
by Southern Nevada Authority to appropriate the waters of the  
Muddy River and it's Tributaries at a point situated in Clark  
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the  
following grounds, to wit:

Granting or approving the application could conflict with and tend to impair the value of Indian reserved water rights held by the United States on behalf of Moapa Indian Tribe and adversely affect the availability of water for present and future use.

We respectfully reserve the right to submit evidence relevant to the points of this protest and any additional matters that may affect the water rights and resources on trust lands, under the jurisdiction of the Phoenix Area Office as such evidence or information becomes available.

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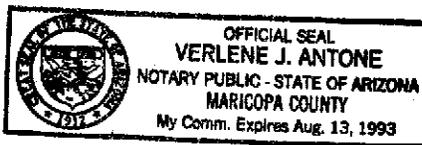
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THEREFORE, the protestant requests that the application be Denied and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Barry Welch  
Agent or protestant

Barry Welch, Assistant Area Director  
Address P.O. Box 10  
Phoenix, Arizona 85001

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1993



Verlene J. Antone  
Notary Public  
State of Arizona  
County of Maricopa

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