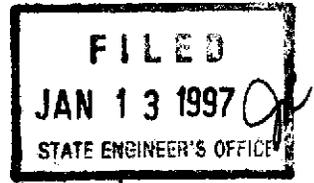


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA



In the Matter of Application Number 62432

Filed By US Fish & Wildlife Service

On September 4, 1996 To Appropriate The

Water Of South Maynard Spring

Comes Now Alamo Irrigation Corporation

Whose post office address is Post Office Box 297, Alamo, Nevada 89001

whose occupation is Agriculture, and protests the granting

of Application Number 62432, filed on September 4, 1996

by United States Fish & Wildlife Service to appropriate the

waters of South Maynard Spring situated in South Pahranaagat Valley

Underground or name of stream, lake spring or other source

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

The application asks for rights to water that may or may not exist. Due to economic, custom and culture concerns raised by this community to various projects proposed in recovery plans the service has published, any new acquisition of water is seen as a threat to the communities, existing water rights and private property rights. The service has failed to address valid concerns of the area. This application appears to be their way to circumvent the public process guaranteed under federal law. The area only has water part of the time and surrounding uses could be stopped under federal supremacy laws to provide for these springs.

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 as relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Edward S. Stewart
Member
Richard S. Johnson
Member

Signed Floyd R. Lamb
Agent or Protestant
Floyd R. Lamb, President
Printed or typed name, if agent

Newton A. Holaday
Member

Address PO Box 297
Alamo, Nevada 89001

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of January, 1997
Wendy Rudder
Notary Public
State Of Nevada
County Of Lincoln



WENDY RUDDER
Notary Public - Nevada
Lincoln County
My appt. exp. June 15, 1997

Handwritten initials