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

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STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

In the Matter of Application Number 62438

Filed By US Fish & Wildlife Service

On September 4, 19 96, **To Appropriate The**

Water Of Pahranagat Lake

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 62438, filed on September 4, 1996

by United States Fish & Wildlife Service to appropriate the

waters of Pahranagat Lake situated in Pahranagat 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 change from irrigation to solely wildlife is unnecessary and poses an economic threat to the other water rights holders in the area. The change poses a threat by changing the economic, social and cultural uses of the water and lands. A proposed recovery plan of the service calls for drastic changes in land uses, economic hardship for land and water owners and poses no way of recovery. The service has failed to show any concern for this economic threat to the community and has failed to give good reason for neighbors to believe this is not a threat to their future operations. Federal supremacy claims could infringe on all rights in the surrounding area.

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 G. Stewart
Member

Member

Newton A. Holladay
Member

Signed Floyd R. Lamb
Agent or Protestant

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

Address PO Box 297

Alamo, Nevada 89001

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 19 97.

Notary Public

State Of Nevada

County Of Lincoln

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