

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 64008  
WASHOE COUNTY AND/OR "SILVER  
FILED BY STATE WATER AND POWER PROJECT  
ON 3-27, 1998 TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF UNDERGROUND DUCK LAKE VALLEY

PROTEST

Comes now SURPRISE VALLEY UNDERGROUND WATER DISTRICT, ADVISORY BOARD  
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is P.O. Box 129 CEDARVILLE CA. 96104  
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code

whose occupation is Quasi Political Subdivision, Co of Modoc St. of Calif, and protests the granting  
of Application Number 64008, filed on 3-27, 1998

by WASHOE COUNTY AND/OR "SILVER STATE WATER AND POWER PROJECT" to appropriate the  
waters of UNDERGROUND, DUCK LAKE VALLEY situated in WASHOE  
Underground or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

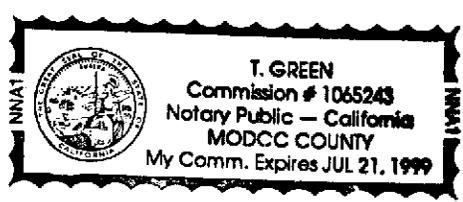
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

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THEREFORE the protestant requests that the application be 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 Donald R Steger  
Agent or protestant  
DONALD R. STEGER MEMBER,  
Printed or typed name, if agent  
Address P.O. Box 129  
Street No. or P.O. Box No.  
CEDARVILLE CA. 96104  
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of Sept, 1998



T. Green  
Notary Public  
State of California  
County of Modoc

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## ATTACHMENT.

THE DUCK LAKE VALLEY APPLICATIONS FOR UNDERGROUND WATER, GIVE US CONCERNS IN THE SURPRISE VALLEY REGION, WE ARE LOCATED IMMEDIATELY TO THE NORTH OF DUCK LAKE VALLEY, AND WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING REASONS FOR OUR CONCERNS:

1. A GEOLOGICAL FAULT ZONE IS EVIDENT ON THE SOUTH END OF SURPRISE VALLEY BY AN INSPECTION OF THE TOPOGRAPHICAL FEATURES. APPROXIMATELY  $2\frac{1}{2}$  MILES SOUTH EAST OF THE BARE RANCH.

2. THIS FAULT ZONE CONNECTS A LOWER DRAINAGE AREA (DUCK LAKE) TO A HIGHER UNDERGROUND SOURCE (SURPRISE VALLEY).

3. SIGNIFICANT PUMPING FROM THE DUCK LAKE AQUIFER WILL LOWER THAT GRADIENT AND ALLOW TRANSFER FROM THE SURPRISE VALLEY RESOURCE.

THEREFORE, BEFORE ANY PERMITS FOR WATER EXTRACTION BE GRANTED IN THE DUCK LAKE VALLEY AREA, STUDIES MUST BE MADE TO DETERMINE THE ULTIMATE SOURCE OF THAT WATER.