

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 67326
FILED BY Vidler Water Company
ON March 12, 2001, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF White Pine Co, State of Nevada

PROTEST

FILED
AUG 13 2001
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Comes now David Sharp and Rebecca Mills
whose post office address is 8 Great Basin NP, Baker NV 89311
whose occupation is tree service and administrator and protests the granting
of Application Number 67326, filed on March 12, 2001
by Vidler Water Company
waters of underground situated in White Pine
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:
See attached letter

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 Rebecca Mills
Address 8 Great Basin NP, Baker, NV 89311

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of Aug. 2001
JUSTICE OF PEACE
Baker Township
Baker, Nevada
State of NV
County of WP

\$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.
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August 8, 2001

We wish to protest the water rights applications #67319 through #67333 (15 applications). These applications seek to use 46,040 acre-feet per year of water. This water withdrawal would be above and beyond the 18,835 acre-feet per year already permitted and certificated in Spring Valley. It is our understanding that 181,641 acre-feet per year of water rights in the Spring Valley area are "ready for action". In addition, Las Vegas Valley Water District has 19 water rights applications pending for potentially 50,000 acre-feet per year in this same area.

It is our understanding that the proposed water withdrawals will dry up and drastically alter the vegetation of Spring Valley. They will most likely kill the remnant "cedar" or juniper forest on federal lands. They will diminish the ability of private ranchers to make a living from their ranch properties. They will diminish the ability of wildlife to survive in Spring Valley. They will affect the recreational enjoyment of visitors who travel Highway 50 and 6 through Spring Valley and visit Great Basin National Park, which was established to represent the Great Basin.

The history of the Great Basin includes many examples of the deleterious and irreversible effects of water withdrawals on natural Great Basin ecosystems. Spring Valley remains one of the examples of a lush valley that supports ranching and recreation, along with native wildlife and vegetation. We sincerely hope that Spring Valley will be allowed to remain in this state for the indefinite future.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Mills and David Sharp

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