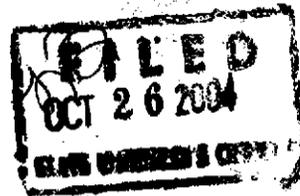


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 71225
FILED BY Vidler Water Co.
ON 8/16/04, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Basin 163

PROTEST



Comes now CARL A. CHAVEZ
Printed or typed name of protestant
whose post office address is HCR 31, Box 335 SANDY VALLEY, NEVADA 89019
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code
whose occupation is PIPEFITTER, U.A. Local # 525, and protests the granting
of Application Number 71225, filed on 8/16/04
by Vidler Water Co. to appropriate the
Printed or typed name of applicant
waters of Basin 163 - Sandy Mesquite situated in Clerk
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:

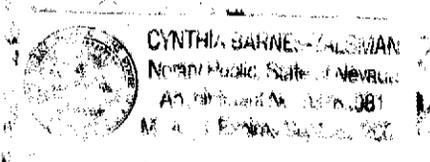
The Vidler well in Section 14 is located in the same basin that serves the population. This application, if granted, will ultimately result in an unreasonable lowering of static and pumping water levels. This could result in intrusion of the poorer quality water on the California side of the basin into the Nevada side of the aquifer. Lowering of water levels will eventually impact even the Vidler well.

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 relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Carl A. Chavez
Agent or protestant
CARL A. CHAVEZ
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address HCR 31, Box 335
Street No. or P.O. Box No.
SANDY VALLEY, NEVADA 89019
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of October 2004
Cynthia Barnes Zimm
Notary Public



State of Nevada
County of Clerk

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