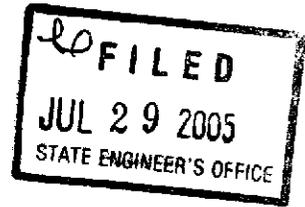


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER.....72574.....
FILED BY.....TUFFY RANCH PROPERTIES, LLC.....
ON...APRIL 11....., 20...05..., TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OFUNDERGROUND.....



PROTEST



Comes now.....Lincoln County Water District and Vidler Water Company, Inc.....
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is.....P.O. Box 90, Pioche, NV 89043.....
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.

whose occupation isa political subdivision of the State of Nevada..... and protests the granting
of Application Number72574....., filed onApril 11....., 20...05.....

byTuffy Ranch Properties, LLC.....to appropriate the
waters ofUnderground.....situated inLincoln.....
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:

Application Numbers 72565 through 72577 were filed on April 11, 2005 to be commingled for the irrigation of 6042 acres. State Engineer's Ruling Number 2474, 2535 and 2716 previously denied similar irrigation applications from this basin on the grounds that the "value" of existing rights would be impaired and that they could be detrimental to the public welfare. Similarly, the granting of Application Numbers 72565 through 72577 would also adversely affect existing rights and senior applications. In addition, the protestant, Lincoln County Water District, recently acquired ownership of two senior municipal applications in Lake Valley (Application Numbers 53993 and 53996). The granting of these applications would unduly impair the protestant's senior applications. The protestant requests that the subject applications be denied.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application beDenied.....
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.

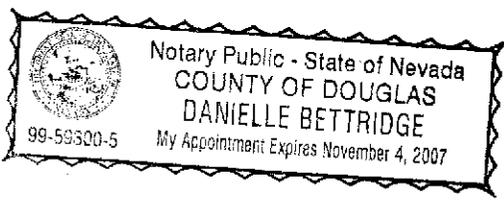
Signed
Agent or protestant

.....Jennifer Morgan.....
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address.....704 W. Nye Lane, Suite 201.....
Street No. or P.O. Box No.

.....Carson City, NV 89703.....
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this ^{29th} day of July, 20...05.....



.....Danielle Bettridge.....
Notary Public

State of.....Nevada.....

County ofCarson City.....

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ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

Handwritten mark or signature.