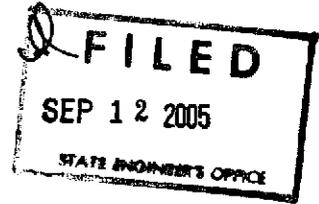


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER.....72601.....
FILED BY.....COYOTE SPRINGS INVESTMENT, LLC.....
ON...APRIL 13....., 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 Number72601....., filed onApril 13....., 20...05.....
byCoyote Springs Investment, 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 72589 through 72602 were filed on April 13, 2005 for municipal and domestic use. 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.

Because the point of diversion of Application Numbers 72589 through 72602 are within Lake Valley Hydrographic Basin (183) and the place of use is with Coyote Springs Hydrographic Basin (210), the nature of the water use will entail an interbasin transfer. Subsection five of NRS 533.370 requires that certain criteria be met to justify the transfer of water from one basin to another. In this instance, the applicant does not show on face that the requirements of NRS 533.370 (5) have been satisfied.

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

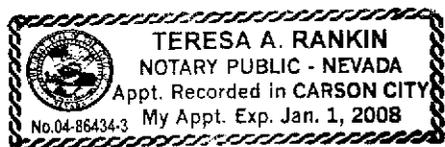
.....Jennifer Morgan.....
Printed or typed name, if agent

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 12th day of.....September....., 20...05.....

.....Teresa A. Rankin.....
Notary Public



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

County ofCarson City.....

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