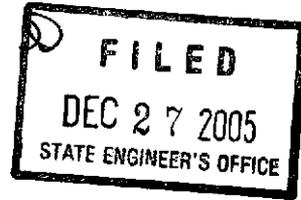


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER  
FILED BY Pershing County  
ON 20, 2005, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF underground



PROTEST



Comes now Pershing County  
whose post office address is Drawer E, Lovelock, NV 89419  
whose occupation is County Government and protests the granting  
of Application Number 73229 filed on September 7, 2005  
by AQUA TRAC, LLC to appropriate the  
waters of underground situated in Pershing County

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

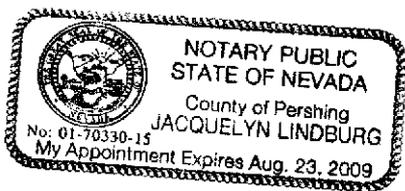
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THEREFORE the Protester requests that the application be Denied  
and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed Roger Mancebo  
Agent of protestant  
Roger Mancebo, Chairman  
Pershing Co. Board of Commissioners  
Address Drawer E  
Lovelock, Nevada 89419

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2005  
Jacquelyn Lindburg  
Notary Public  
State of Nevada  
County of Pershing



525 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.  
ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

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Pershing County protects the applications for removal of ground water from basins 078, 079, and 080. Pershing County places all parties on notice that Pershing County as a political subdivision of the State of Nevada and on behalf of the residents and landowners of the County protests this application on the following grounds:

1. The total allocation of groundwater requested for this basin by AQUA TRAC, LLC will exceed the perennial yield for the basin NRS 533.370 and would possibly cause depletions in other basins within the county;
2. The Applicant has failed to justify the need to export the water from this basin to another as required by NRS 533.370;
3. The proposed action is environmentally unsound as it relates to exportation of the water from the basin as set forth in NRS 533.370;
4. The proposed action of exporting water from the basin is not an appropriate long-term use of the water and will unduly limit the future growth and development, including but not limited to agricultural, ranching, and economic use, in the basin as set forth in NRS 533.370;
5. AQUA TRAC, LLC does not own land in the county and would have to acquire significant rights on and across private, federal and state lands to gain access and transport the water;
6. AQUA TRAC, LLC does not have the existing infrastructure to transport the water;
7. The requested allocation of groundwater requested by AQUA TRAC, LLC would negatively impact existing water rights, springs, and other water resources within the basin;
8. The requested allocation of groundwater requested by AQUA TRAC, LLC would transport water over the county line and would constitute a county to county transfer to which Pershing County objects in that it would negatively impact the county as a whole and would not satisfy requirement of the Nevada Revised Statutes for transfers outside of a county;
9. The requested allocation will be against the public interest of the citizenry of Pershing County;
10. The requested allocation will negatively impact future use of the land in the basin;
11. The requested allocation will result in lawsuits to force private landowners to give up easements across their land;
12. The requested allocation will result in depletion of resources from Pershing County to uses which AQUA TRAC, LLC;
13. AQUA TRAC, LLC has not provided evidence of any beneficial use that they can derive from the water; and
14. The requested allocation will remove water from the basin with no reclamation of the water to the basin.