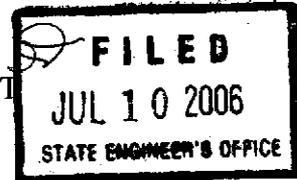


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73956
FILED BY ELKO COUNTY OF ELKO, NEVADA
ON MARCH 3RD, 2006, TO APPROPRIATE
THE WATERS OF UNDERGROUND



PROTEST



Comes now James K. Stonier, Jr.
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is 41230 San Antonio Road, Livermore, CA 94550
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.

whose occupation is Self Employed Rancher and protests the granting

of Application Number 73956, filed on March 3rd, 2006

by Elko County of Elko, Nevada to appropriate the

waters of Underground situated in Elko
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 point of diversion of this application is on my deeded private ground. The issuance of this permit and the use
of the waters applied for will significantly deplete the underground water source used by me in conjunction with
the current and future irrigation and stockwater needs of my ranch.

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 James K. Stonier
Agent or protestant

Printed or typed name, if agent

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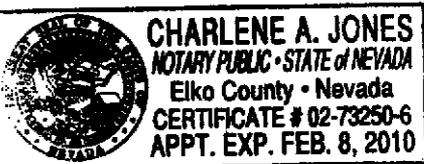
408-897-3030
Phone Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 20 06

Charlene A. Jones
Notary Public

State of Nevada

County of Elko



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