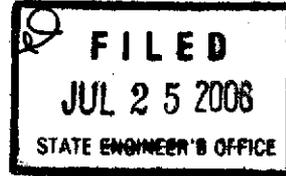


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73958
FILED BY Elko County
March 3
ON March 3, 2006, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF underground source



PROTEST



Comes now Pattani Ranch, a partnership
whose post office address is HC 31 Box 30 - Elko, Nevada 89801
whose occupation is ranching and protests the granting
of Application Number 73958, filed on March 3, 2006
by Elko County to appropriate the
waters of underground source situated in Elko County, Nevada

- County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:
- (1) A portion of the place of use is on real property owned by the Protestant. Elko County has not obtained Protestant's consent to use its real property.
 - (2) The appropriation would interfere with Protestant's prior underground rights and vested surface water rights under the Humboldt River Decree.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be denied

and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed by WILSON BARROWS & SALVER
Stewart R. Wilson

Address 442 Court Street
Elko, Nevada 89801
(775) 738-7271

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of July, 2006
Donna R. Mitchell
Notary Public



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