

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



IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 73961  
FILED BY Red Rock Valley Ranch LLC  
ON 3/3, 2006, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Basin 99



PROTEST

Comes now Joseph R Donohue  
whose post office address is 65 Buckboard Circle Reno Nevada 89506  
whose occupation is \_\_\_\_\_ and protests the granting  
of Application Number 73961, filed on 3/3, 2006  
by Red Rock Valley Ranch LLC to appropriate the  
waters of Basin 99 situated in \_\_\_\_\_  
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:

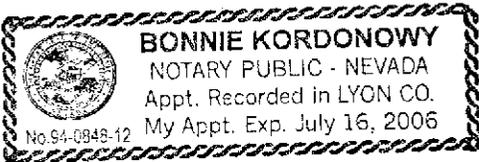
see Attachment

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 Joseph R Donohue  
Agent or protestant

Address 65 BUCKBOARD CIR  
RENO NV 89506

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006  
Bonnie Kordonowy  
Notary Public



State of Nevada  
County of Carson City

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**Joseph R. Donohue**  
**65 Buckboard Circle**  
**Reno, Nevada 89506**

May 17, 2006

STATE of NEVADA  
Division of Water Resources  
State Engineers Office  
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640 AFA is a large amount of water to be pumping out of the small valley in basin 99. The owners of one property on Red Rock Road have already had to drill their well deeper. The artesian well on a property on Dry Valley Road quits running when the property across the road fills their pond and the water table dropped when the previous owners of Red Rock Ranch LLC irrigated in the summer of 2005.

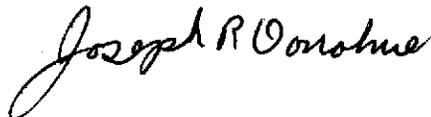
There is a domestic well on my property that use to over flow in the winter and spring from the high water table. It has not done so in the past two years. My concern is that I would have to drill the well deeper. Not only will that be very expensive, but there is no qararuntee that we would have sufficient water for our needs.

No one has been able to tell us how deep the underground water is in basin 99. With the water being pumped from Red Rock Valley Ranch LLC to Lemon Valley , our water basin would not be able to recharge. To my knowledge, developers buy up the water rights from individuals willing to sell and pump the water somewhere else. These developers don't even live here in the valley.

If the water was being used in this basin I would not be as concerned because the groundwater would be recharged.

I am strongly against pumping the water from basin 99 to other basins.

Sincerely,



Joseph R. Donohue