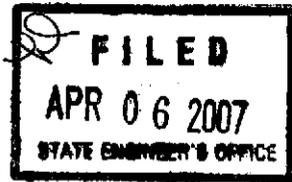


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 75380
FILED BY DUCK LAKE RANCH, LLC **PROTEST**
ON FEBRUARY 23, 2007, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF UNDERGROUND



Comes now Washoe County
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is 4930 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502-4106
Street No. or P.O. Box, City, State, and Zip Code

whose occupation is a political subdivision of the State of Nevada, and protests the granting
of Application Number 75380, filed on FEBRUARY 23, 2007,

by DUCK LAKE RANCH, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company to appropriate the
waters of underground situated in Washoe
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:

Please refer to attached Exhibit "A".

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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 [Signature]
Agent or Protestant

Vahid Behmaram, Water Rights Manager
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address Washoe County Dept. of Water Resources
Street No. or P.O. Box No.
4930 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502-4106
City, State, and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of APRIL, 2007.



[Signature]
Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Washoe

**\$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.
ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.**

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Exhibit "A"

Applications 75378 through 75384

The applications referenced above request a large quantity of ground water rights for irrigation purposes within Duck Lake Valley hydrographic basin.

Washoe County has filed applications 64005 through 64009 on March 28, 1998 to appropriate all unappropriated ground water within this basin. These applications are for municipal purposes to be used within Washoe County. On December 11, 2006 Washoe County submitted information in response to requests by the State Engineer's office regarding the progress on the County applications, which are currently on file in the State Engineer's office.

NRS 533.370.5 provides that the State Engineer is prohibited from granting application if there is no unappropriated water in the proposed source of supply. Therefore based on the foregoing Washoe County requests that applications 75378 through 75384 be denied.

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