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 PROTEST

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER **76157,**
 FILED BY **BRIGHT HOLLAND CORPORATION**
 ON **AUGUST 14TH, 2007,** TO APPROPRIATE THE
 WATERS OF **BARKER CREEK**

Comes now **Midian Ranch (Jason & Tina Walters) and Dog Ranch (Ron & Dahlia Cole)**
Printed or typed name of protestant
 whose post office address is **P.O. Box 247 & P.O. Box 112 Gerlach NV 89214**
Street No. Or P.O. Box, City, State and Zip Code.
 whose occupation is **Rancher/Rancher** and protests the granting
 of Application Number **76157,** filed on **August 14th, 2007**
 by **Bright Holland Corporation** to appropriate the
 waters of **Barker Creek** 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:

We are Midian Ranch (the Walters family) and Dog Ranch (the Cole family), and we believe that our status as a land owners and residents of the Hualapai Valley gives us standing on this issue. The stated use of "storage" in this application is misleading, as we believe that Bright Holland's eventual plan is to pump water out of the Hualapai Valley (also known as the Hualapai Flats) via a pipeline to the Sparks/Spanish Springs area, rather than reserve the water for agricultural use. We site as our source Exhibit "A" of Bright Holland's Formal Protest Requesting Denial of Application No. 75887 thru 75921 (applicant High Rock Holding LLC) in which they mention "the potential for Bright Holland Corporation to convert its agricultural uses to a municipal use and export their water resources." They are also concerned that proposed uses may "adversely affect the Protestant's [Bright Holland] future uses including, without limitation, the export of its surface and groundwater from the Basin for its own benefit."

The effects on the already insufficient water supplies of the communities of Gerlach, Empire, and private residences in the area by such an undertaking are unknown. The ecological effects of "pooling and pumping" on the region are unknown. The Black Rock Desert contains numerous animal species (including endangered and protected ones) that are dependent on available water of this creek. Migratory flight paths of certain water birds are dependent on surface water being present in area. Land belonging to other residents and the Bureau of Land Management (or BLM) could also be affected by "pooling and pumping." We urge you to consult with the BLM before any applications are granted, as they may be unaware that their land and water rights are being affected.

Furthermore, the local economy of the region is partially dependent on hunting, ranching, and eco-tourism. The effects of Bright Holland Corporation's activities on these economically vital activities are unknown. Furthermore, the effects that "pooling and pumping" may have on the livability of the Hualapai Valley for its several dozen inhabitants are unknown. Resident's water availability - and the water table itself - may also be affected. All of these concerns should be addressed before additional rights are granted to the Bright Holland Corporation.

ADDITIONALLY, the water for Midian Ranch comes from Barker Spring, a portion of the Barker Creek water complex. The effects of "pooling and pumping" on that ranch's water rights are also unknown.

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

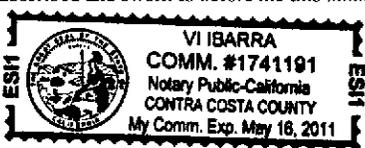
DENIED
Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be

Signed *[Signature]*
Agent or protestant

Jason Stanton Walters
Printed or typed name, if agent

Address **P.O. Box 247**
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Gerlach NV 89412
City, State and Zip Code No.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of December, 2007



[Signature]
Notary Public

State of California

County of Contra Costa

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