

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 79267
FILED BY Southern Nevada Water Authority
ON January 28, 20 10, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Snake Valley Underground

PROTEST



Comes now Great Basin Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is P.O. Box 32, Baker, NV 89311

Street No. or PO Box, City, State and ZIP Code

whose occupation is freshwater fisheries conservation

and protests the granting

of Application Number 79267, filed on January 28, 20 10

by Southern Nevada Water Authority to appropriate the

waters of Snake Valley Underground situated in White Pine
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 proposed use would be detrimental to the public interest on environmental grounds and would be environmentally unsound as it relates to the basin from which the underground water in Snake Valley is proposed to be exported. The proposed use would be detrimental to the conservation and sustainability of the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout and other aquatic wildlife who are dependent on a functional aquatic-riparian ecosystem under existing streamflow and groundwater conditions which could be rendered depleted and/or lost due to the massive proposed network of wells and groundwater pumping which would deplete existing perennial streams in which these species occur in Snake Valley from the South Snake Range northward to the North Snake Range and to the Deep Creek Mountain Range, in the Nevada and Utah area of the Snake Valley Basin. The Attachment to this Protest briefly describes additional reasons and grounds for this protest of 79-272 filed January 28, 2010 by the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be Denied

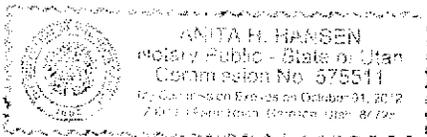
Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be

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

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Signed Donald A. Duff
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of April, 20 10



Anita H. Hansen
Notary Public
State of UTAH
County of MILLARD

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ATTACHMENT TO PROTEST OF ^{Great Basin Chapter} Trout Unlimited ^{Chapter} AGAINST
APPLICATION NO. 79267, FILED January 28, 2010,
BY THE SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY

This attachment lists and briefly describes the reasons and grounds for this protest of Great Basin Chapter Trout Unlimited ("Protestant") against Application Number 79267. The Southern Nevada Water Authority ("SNWA" or "Applicant") has filed this Application to appropriate groundwater from Snake Valley as part of its massive proposed network of wells and pipelines stretching across eastern Nevada from Clark County through Lincoln County and into White Pine County (the "Pipeline Project").

- 1. There is insufficient water available in the proposed source of supply.
- 2. The application and proposed use would conflict with existing water rights and protectable interests in domestic and/or ranch production and/or municipal wells.
- 3. The appropriation and export of water proposed in this application would be detrimental to the public interest on environmental grounds and would be environmentally unsound as it relates to the proposed export basin:
 - Harm to wildlife and wildlife habitat:
 - Degradation of air quality:
 - Destruction of recreational and aesthetic values:
 - Degradation of water quality:
 - Degradation of cultural resources:
 - Harm to state parks and state and federal wildlife refuges
 - Harm to the Great Basin National Park including water, air, ecosystem, view shed, resources
- 4. The appropriation and export of water proposed in this application would be detrimental to the public interest on economic grounds and would unduly limit future growth and development in the basin from which the export is proposed:
 - Undue limitation of future economic activity and growth in the basin of origin:
 - Undue economic harm will extend to the economies and communities of downgradient hydrologically connected and downwind basins.
 - Loss of public lands grazing and forage
- 5. The proposed action is not an appropriate long-term use of Nevada's water.
- 6. The Applicant has not justified the need to import water from another basin:
- 7. The Applicant has not implemented a sufficient conservation plan.
- 8. The Applicant has not demonstrated the good faith intent or financial ability and reasonable expectation to actually construct the work and apply the water to the intended beneficial use with reasonable diligence.
 - Changed circumstances, uncertain intent, doubtful financing:
 - Failure to demonstrate ability to access land containing point of diversion.
- 9. Protestant reserves the right to amend this protest to include issues as they develop.
- 10. Protestant incorporates other protests to SNWA's applications by reference.
- ADDITIONAL REASONS AND GROUNDS ON NEXT PAGE ⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨