

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

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PROTEST

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IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 79271  
FILED BY Southern Nevada Water Authority  
ON January 24, 2010, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF Underground in Snake Valley  
or Surface

Comes now Dean Baker

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is PO Box 10 Baker Nevada 89311

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

whose occupation is Rancher - Farmer

and protests the granting

of Application Number 79271, filed on January 28, 2010

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:

*Protest opinion attached  
Also attached is protest of 54026 of  
July 7, 1990. This should also be  
considered.*

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

Dean Baker

Agent or protestant

Dean Baker

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address

PO Box 10

Street No. or PO Box

Baker Nevada 89311

City, State and ZIP Code

775 234 7316

Phone Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

7th

day of

April

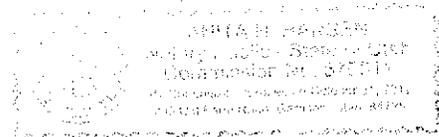
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Antonia A. Hanson

Notary Public

State of Utah

County of Millard



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ATTACHMENT TO PROTEST OF Southern Nevada Water Authority AGAINST  
APPLICATION NO. 79271, FILED January 28 2010,  
BY THE SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY

This attachment lists and briefly describes the reasons and grounds for this protest of

Dean Bahn ("Protestant") against Application Number 79271. The Southern Nevada Water Authority ("SNWA" or "Applicant") has filed this Application to appropriate groundwater from Snake Valley Underpin 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 ⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨⇨

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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 54026  
FILED BY LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT PROTEST  
ON OCT. 17, 1989, TO APPROPRIATE THE  
WATERS OF SNAKE VALLEY, NEV.

Comes now DEAN BAKER AND PERRY STEADMAN  
whose post office address is BOX 548 AND BOX 87 BAKER NEVADA 89311  
whose occupation is CATTLE RANCHER AND RETIREE and protests the granting  
of Application Number 54026 filed on OCT. 17, 1989  
by LAS VEGAS VALLEY WATER DISTRICT to appropriate the  
waters of SNAKE VALLEY situated in WHITE PINE

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit: AS TRUSTEES OF THE BAKER WATER AND SEWER GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT WE FEEL THAT APPORTIONMENT OF THIS WATER WILL PREVENT OR INTERFERE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY WATER SUPPLY IN SNAKE VALLEY. THE BAKER WATER AND SEWER T.D. WAS FORMED FOR THIS PURPOSE AFTER COMPLETION OF AN ENGINEERING STUDY BY ERIC BEYER, SAID WATER SYSTEM IS CRITICAL NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF SNAKE VALLEY AS WELL AS FOR SERVING THE NEEDS OF SOME 80,000 ANNUAL VISITORS TO GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK.  
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 Dean Baker Perry Steadman  
DEAN BAKER - PERRY STEADMAN  
Address BOX 548 - BOX 87  
BAKER, NEV. 89311

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of July, 1990  
Hen. Dale Taylor  
Notary Public  
State of NV  
County of White Pine  
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
BAKER TOWNSHIP  
BAKER, NV 89311

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