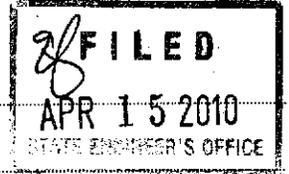


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PROTEST STATE ENGINEERS OFFICE



IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 79362
FILED BY Lincoln County Water District and Vidler Water Co.
ON January 29, 2010, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Dry Lake Hydrographic Basin

Comes now Moapa Band of Paiute Indians

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is PO Box 340, Moapa, NV 89025

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

whose occupation is federally recognized Indian tribe

and protests the granting

of Application Number 79362, filed on January 29, 2010

by Lincoln County Water District and Vidler Water Co. to appropriate the

waters of underground (Dry Lake hydrographic basin) situated in Lincoln

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:

(1) There is no remaining unappropriated water in the proposed source of supply; (2) the proposed withdrawal conflicts with existing rights both within the groundwater basin at issue, and also with groundwater and surface water rights in nearby areas hydrologically connected to the groundwater basin, including groundwater and surface water rights in which protestant has an interest; and (3) the proposed withdrawal threatens to prove detrimental to the public interest, because it is likely to lower water levels in the Muddy Springs area to the detriment of the Moapa dace, an endangered species.

THEREFORE the Protester 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

Richard Berley (handwritten signature)

Agent or protestant

Richard M. Berley, agent

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address

PO Box 340

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206-448-1230

Phone Number



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 2010

Heidi A. Reynolds (handwritten signature)
Notary Public

State of Washington

County of King

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