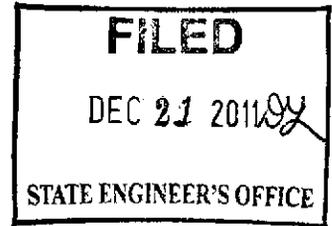


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 81062
FILED BY Southern Nevada Water Authority
ON August 12, 20 11, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF South Millick Spring



PROTEST



Comes now George Eldridge & Son, Inc.

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is PO Box 151022, Ely, NV 89315

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

whose occupation is Ranching

and protests the granting

of Application Number 81062

, filed on August 12

, 20 11

by Southern Nevada Water Authority

to appropriate the

waters of South Millick Spring

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:

There is no unappropriated water at this source. Therefore, permitting this application would be detrimental to the public interest. SNWA has been monitoring this spring for several years--its measurements have occasionally exceeded certificated use 3375 downstream, but percolated channel loss between measurement station and downstream point of diversion, a distance of 1.33 channel miles, supports riparian vegetation throughout its reach which greatly benefits wildlife. This spring has historically provided needed wildlife and livestock water; wildlife have free access to natural habitat on federal land and irrigated habitat on private land downstream. Prior surface rights should not be required to contribute to mitigation of large-scale export of groundwater from any basin. Also, due to SNWA not owning the proposed place of use and its not being a wildlife management agency, we question the ability of SNWA to fulfill mandatory beneficial-use requirements for wildlife under this application. We reserve the right to challenge such ability and to supplement this protest in the event of a hearing on the matter.

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

Brent Eldridge (handwritten signature)

Agent or protestant

Brent Eldridge

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address

PO Box 151022

Street No. or PO Box

Ely, NV 89315

City, State and ZIP Code

775-293-7869 or 775-296-0635

Phone Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

19th

day of

December

20 11



Carol R. Fielding (handwritten signature)
Notary Public

State of Nevada

County of White Pine

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