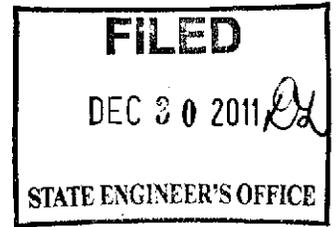


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 81069
FILED BY Southern Nevada Water Authority
ON August 12, 20 11



PROTEST



Comes now The United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is HC33 Box 33500, Ely, Nevada 89301

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

whose occupation is public land management

and protests the granting

of Application Number 81069, filed on August 12, 20 11

by Southern Nevada Water Authority for the

waters of Lows Canon situated in White Pine

an underground source or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

Please see attachment.

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 Mary D'Aversa
Agent or protestant
Mary D'Aversa
Printed or typed name, if agent
Address HC33 Box 33500
Street No. or PO Box
Ely, Nevada 89301
City, State and ZIP Code
775-289-1800
Phone Number

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of Dec., 20 11

Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of White Pine

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Attachment for BLM Protest of Application 81069

BLM protests Application 81069 for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

1. Applicant does not have authority or jurisdiction to manage wildlife in Nevada. Responsibility and jurisdiction for managing wildlife was given to the Nevada Department of Wildlife. The Southern Nevada Water Authority's website states when and why it was formed: "The Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is a cooperative agency formed in 1991 to address Southern Nevada's unique water needs on a regional basis. SNWA officials are charged with managing the region's water resources and providing for Las Vegas Valley residents' and businesses' present and future water needs.";

Approval of Application 81069 would prove detrimental to the public interest by permitting use of water outside the scope and jurisdiction of the applicant and by allowing an unsubstantiated amount of water for wildlife beneficial use without the applicant sufficiently stating what numbers and kind of animals would benefit.

2. The POU is located on public land managed by BLM. BLM has not granted SNWA access to the POU.

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