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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 81071
FILED BY Southern Nevada Water Authority
ON August 12, 20 11, TO APPROPRIATE THE
WATERS OF Bassett Creek

PROTEST

FILED
DEC 21 2011
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

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 81071, filed on August 12, 20 11

by Southern Nevada Water Authority to appropriate the

waters of Bassett Creek 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 appropriation under this Application conflicts with prior water rights and applications held by this protestant, including but not limited to Bassett Creek Decree and Application 26266 RFA.

One of Southern Nevada Water Authority's predecessors, Reed B. Robison, signed an agreement with George Eldridge & Son, Inc in 1982 which designated Bassett Creek as a stream any rights to which Mr. Robison held were relinquished to George Eldridge & Son, Inc. That agreement was filed in the Nevada State Engineer's Office. Permitting this application would be detrimental to the public interest due to both its being contrary to that agreement and its potential for creating turmoil over a settled-water-rights matter.

George Eldridge & Son, Inc. reserves the right 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
Agent or protestant

Brent Eldridge
Printed or typed name, if agent

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of December, 20 11

Carol R. Fielding
Notary Public

CAROL R. FIELDING
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE of NEVADA
White Pine County-Nevada
CERTIFICATE # 93-4443-17
APP'T. EXP. SEPT. 16, 2013

State of Nevada
County of White Pine

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