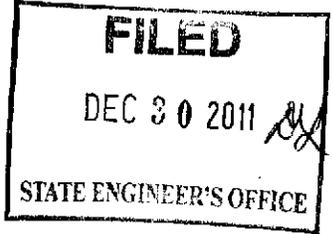


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 81073  
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 81073, filed on August 12, 20 11

by Southern Nevada Water Authority for the

waters of Meadow Creek 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.

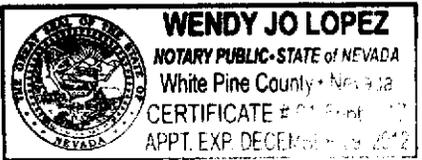
THEREFORE the Protestor requests that the application be Denied

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



Wendy Lopez  
Notary Public  
State of Nevada  
County of White Pine

+ \$25 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.  
ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

## Attachment for BLM Protest of Application 81073 from SNWA

BLM protests Application 81073 for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

1. BLM believes there is no unappropriated water available from Meadow Creek. Three pending applications from SNWA to appropriate (26165, 26166, and 45684) are already asking for 14 cfs from Bassett Creek. Applications 26165 and 26166 (4 cfs or 8,000 AFA) are for irrigation use at the same POU as Application 81073 while Application 45684 is for 10 cfs from Meadow Creek for power generation use. SNWA is asking for an additional 600 AFA from Meadow Creek with Application 81073.;
2. BLM believes approval of Application 81073 would prove detrimental to the public interest by over appropriating water for the irrigation of land described as the POU. Previous rulings by the State Engineer set the annual use of water for irrigation in Spring Valley at 4 acre-feet per acre.

SNWA has Applications 26165 and 26166, which are pending, for the same Places of Use as Application 81073. The total duty associated for the two previous applications, as stated above, is 8,000 AFA over 1,000 acres which equates to 8 AFA/acre of irrigated land. Application 81073 asks for an additional 600 AFA over 150 acres which equates to 4 AFA/acre but which also irrigates some of the same land as the previously described two pending applications. The grand total for the duty of water the applicant is asking for to irrigate land described as the POU in Application 81073 is 12 AFA/acre.;

SNWA is asking for use of water for irrigation outside the accepted irrigation season in Spring Valley.;

3. The POD associated with Application 81073 is located on public land managed by the BLM. The BLM has not granted the applicant access to the public land needed to convey water from the POD to the POU.

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