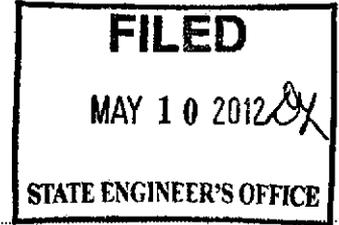


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 81719
FILED BY Sadler Ranch, LLC
ON March 30, 20 12



PROTEST



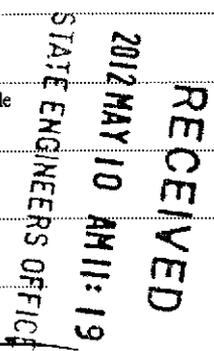
Comes now Etchevery Family Ltd. Partnership, Diamond Cattle Co., Kenneth Benson
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is See Attachment 1
whose occupation is Farming and Ranching and protests the granting
of Application Number 81719, filed on March 30, 20 12
by Sadler Ranch LLC for the

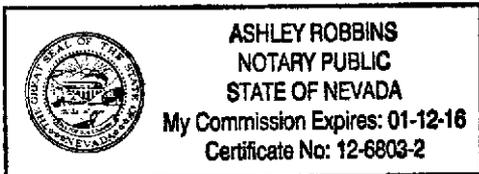
waters of an underground source situated in Diamond Valley
an underground source or name of stream, lake, spring or other source
County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:
See Attachment 2

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 [Signature]
Agent or protestant
Therese A. Ure, Schroeder Law Offices, P.C. (Agent)
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Address 440 Marsh Ave.
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Reno, Nevada 89509
City, State and ZIP Code
775-786-8800
Phone Number
counsel@water-law.com
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 20 12



[Signature]
Notary Public
State of Nevada
County of Washoe

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ALL COPIES MUST CONTAIN ORIGINAL SIGNATURE.

In re Protest to Applications 81719 and 81720

Attachment 1: Protestant Addresses

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Bakersfield, CA 93314

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Kenneth Benson
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Eureka, NV 89316

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Attachment 2: Protest Grounds

1. The applications request water use for irrigation year round, from January 1 to December 31. A year round season of use is inconsistent with irrigation in the proposed location. Any permits issued on these applications should be limited to the applicable irrigation season of use.
2. The applications seek 4.0 acre feet per acre, though the map shows the irrigation is for meadow hay. A duty of 4.0 acre feet per acre is excessive for this crop type. Meadow hay by its nature is a crop that only requires applied, water diversion for irrigation following the winter run-off and spring rains, these are facts that necessarily limit the duty to much less than 4.0 acre feet. Weather patterns in the area would likely limit production abilities of meadow hay.
3. Given the state of the Diamond Valley hydrographic basin, the State Engineer should require a study prior to granting additional withdrawals from this stressed aquifer.
4. If the use is granted, this use will adversely affect the cost of water use for other holders of water in the hydrographic basin including the likelihood of increased pumping from lowered water table access depths.
5. These applications are in conflict with and will be detrimental to the public interest as this stressed ground water table will suffer further draw down causing a strain on the over subscribed water resource in this hydrographic basin.
6. If granted for the uses proposed, the proposed application will be in conflict with existing water rights as well as existing domestic wells.
7. There is no unappropriated water in the Diamond Valley hydrographic basin and thus the applications should be denied.

9. The additional wells would cause undue interference with existing wells (including possible cone of depression affect) in the already designated ground water basin.
10. The proposed use violates an order of the State Engineer designating the basin. *See Order 815.*
11. The type and place of use listed in the applications, is already subject to regulation by the State Engineer Order of designation and curtailment.
12. No water is available from the underground source except to exceed the perennial yield or safe yield that would create an aquifer mining situation.

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