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

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 84203

FILED BY Bar Keystone Ranch, LLC

ON August 1, 20 14

PROTEST

FILED
SEP 29 2014
STATE ENGINEER'S OFFICE

Comes now Charles R. Steele and Karen R. Steele
Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is 34 MacKenzie Lane, Yerington, NV 89447 (40 Giacometto Lane-dirt non-maintained private road)
Street No. or PO Box, City, State and ZIP Code

whose occupation is Retired - Lyon County (both) and protests the granting

of Application Number 84203, filed on August 1, 20 14

by Bar Keystone Ranch, LLC (leased by Desert Pearl Farms)public for the

waters of Basin 108 / Mason Valley situated in Lyon
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:

Current appropriation is 2.3 cfs (2.26 cfs from original permit #28268); field was in active production in the spring/summer season of 2014 during a significant and extended drought on a permit # 83157T of which expires 12-31-14 w/monthly meter readings due 2/15/2015. Future predictions indicate this drought could last through the next winter season (Nt'l Weather Service & Desert Research Institute of Nevada). Numerous domestic wells have been impacted and the area has extensive history of water issues.
In order to bring some measure of "balance" to this area, we feel no increase in appropriations should be made during an extended drought. Numerous residents are already faced with significant costs to restore or deepen their wells to levels of previous AG well depth. Many newer AG wells have been placed in the area along the MacKenzie & Tognoli corridor. Further investigation and OVERSIGHT is needed to ascertain the full impact. UNTIL watersheds improve our request is to deny any future permit requests in this area.

THEREFORE the Protestant requests that the application be Delayed, and subject to prior rights
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 C. R. Steele Karen R. Steele
Agent or protestant

Charles R. Steele and Karen R. Steele
Printed or typed name, if agent

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State of Nevada
County of Lyon

Subscribed and sworn to before me on Sept 26, 2014

by Charles R. Steele and Karen R. Steele

Rita M. Smith
Signature of Notary Public Required

RITA M. SMITH
Notary Public - State of Nevada
Appointment Recorded in Lyon County
No: 06-104493-12 - Expires March 24, 2018
Notary Stamp or Seal Required

+ $30 FILING FEE MUST ACCOMPANY PROTEST. PROTEST MUST BE FILED IN DUPLICATE.