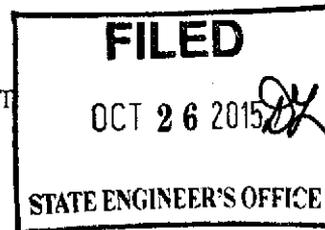


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 85438
FILED BY Willow Creek Resources, LLC
ON September 11, 2015



PROTEST



Comes now Thacker Properties, Inc.

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is c/o Richard Harmon, PO Box 303, Bishop, CA 93515

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

whose occupation is miner and Board of Director Member of Protestant

and protests the granting

of Application Number 85438

, filed on September 11

, 2015

by Willow Creek Resources, LLC

for the

waters of an underground source

situated in Pershing

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 Exhibit A attached hereto.



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

[Handwritten signature of Ross E. de Lipkau]

Agent of protestant

Ross E. de Lipkau, Esq.

Printed or typed name, if agent

Address

50 W. Liberty St., Suite 750

Street No. or PO Box

Reno, NV 89504

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State of Nevada

County of Washoe

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 10.23.15

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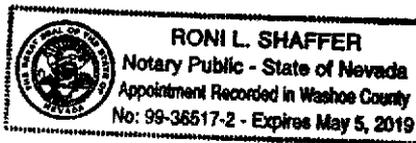
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Signature of Notary Public Required



Notary Stamp or Seal Required

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Exhibit A
To Protest of Application 85438

Protestant Thacker Properties, Inc. does hereby lodge this protest to the granting of Application 85438 filed by Willow Creek Resources, LLC.

Protestant is the owner of record of Proof of Appropriation 04554, together with certificated Permit 13305. The development of groundwater immediately adjacent to Willow Creek will conflict with both water rights.

Pursuant to NRS 533.370(2), the specific grounds for protest are:

1. The Imlay Basin, Basin No. 072, is fully designated by the State Engineer. Thus, there is no unappropriated groundwater available for the Applicant.
2. The granting of Application 85438 would conflict with the existing surface water rights of Protestant, whose water rights are downstream and north of the proposed point of diversion. The proposed point of diversion is quite close to Willow Creek, and the development of any groundwater will, in fact, develop a portion of such water from the fully appropriated creek itself.
3. The granting of Application 85438, in light of items 1 and 2 above, would clearly threaten to prove detrimental to the public interest and welfare.

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