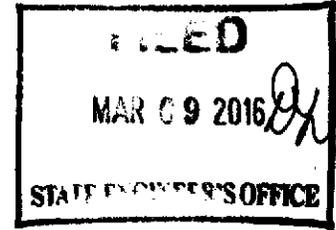


**IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 85878  
 FILED BY Park Ranch Holdings, LLC  
 ON January 22, 2016

PROTEST



Comes now Raymond G. Kaufman  
Printed or typed name of protestant  
 whose post office address is P.O. Box 882, Genoa, NV 89411-0882  
Street No. or PO Box, City, State and ZIP Code  
 whose occupation is hay rancher and protests the granting  
 of Application Number 85878, filed on January 22, 2016  
 by Park Ranch Holdings, LLC, a Nevada limited liability company for the  
 waters of East Fork of the Carson River situated in Douglas  
an underground source or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

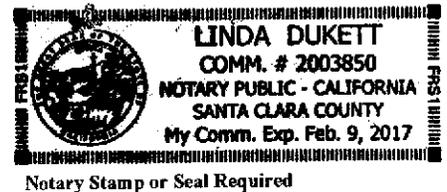
- County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:
1. Application Nos. 85878, 85879, 85880, 85881 jointly seek to change the Carson River Diversion for approximately 517 acres of irrigation. The Williams Slough does not have the capacity to idle such a large additional amount of water.
  2. The Applicant's priorities under Claims 428 and 430 of the Carson River Decree have an 1858 priority. The earliest priority on the Williams Slough currently is 1859. The effect of the posed changes is to put over 500 acres of new lands to be irrigated from the Williams Slough with the same or earlier priority upstream of the Protestant's decreed lands. This will adversely affect existing rights, and be detrimental to numerous downstream decreed owners. The Williams Slough not having any further capacity means that other water rights holders on the Williams Slough would suffer from a severely diminished, if not entirely eliminated, water supply at their takeouts, except possibly during the highest river flows.
  3. The Applicant has no right to divert water from the Williams Slough under the Carson River Decree, and permanent changes to the Decree should not be considered without a thorough and careful review of all possible ramifications. Applicant should focus on getting its decreed diversions corrected to match the manner by which the Applicant has been taking its water for the last 40+ years.
  4. Applicant proposes major changes to the water distribution without any discussion, explanation or notice to the affected Williams Slough owners.
  5. The applicant has not demonstrated any legal right to utilize the Williams Slough.
  6. Although the Williams Slough crosses the Applicant's property, the Applicant has not historically participated in the maintenance of the ditch or the diversion in the Carson River. Last year, Applicant provided some rock for maintenance of the diversion dam in the Carson River to help protect Applicant's ability to receive water under Temporary Permits which were issued without it from the Williams Slough decreed water rights holders.

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.

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

Signed Raymond G. Kaufman  
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 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed)  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me on 7 day of April, 2016, by  
Raymond G. Kaufman  
 by [Signature]  
 proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence  
 to be the person(s) who appeared before me.  
 Signature [Signature]



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