

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 22313)
FILED NOVEMBER 4, 1964, BY MELVIN F.)
BELYEA TO APPROPRIATE GROUND WATER FOR))
IRRIGATION IN QUINN RIVER BASIN,))
HUMBOLDT COUNTY, NEVADA.))

R U L I N G

GENERAL:

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Application 22313 filed on November 4, 1964, by Melvin F. Belyea for 3.4 c.f.s. of ground water to be diverted from a point within the SE $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 18, T. 42 N., R. 37 E., M.D.B. & M. is to be used to irrigate 200 acres within the S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$, the S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$, and the NW $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 18, T. 42 N., R. 37 E.

OPINION:

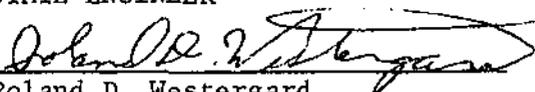
Ground water rights in this segment of the Quinn River Drainage Basin exceed the estimated ground water recharge. The average ground water production for 1964 and 1965 approximated the safe annual yield. The proposed point of diversion is within an area of dense well concentration. It is our opinion that the granting of additional ground water rights in the area for the irrigation of new land would adversely affect existing water rights and would be detrimental to the public welfare.

RULING

Application 22313 is hereby denied on the grounds that its granting would be detrimental to existing rights and to the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated this 25th day
of November, 1966