

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 24813 )  
FILED TO APPROPRIATE WATER FROM AN )  
UNDERGROUND SOURCE (LAS VEGAS AR- )  
TESIAN BASIN) CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA. )

R U L I N G

Application 24813 was filed on December 13, 1968, by the Southern Nevada Telephone Division of Central Telephone Company. The application was filed to appropriate 0.05 c.f.s. of water from an underground source in the Las Vegas Artesian Basin for Commercial (Telephone Office Building) and Domestic purposes. The point of diversion and the place of use described in said application are within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, T.21S., R.61E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion lies within an area designated by the State Engineer in accordance with NRS 534.030.

Studies and records pertaining to the ground water resources of the Las Vegas Artesian Basin indicate a decline in ground water levels in the area of the proposed appropriation and the proposed additional withdrawal from the ground water basin would increase the rate of this decline. Annual pumpage inventories reveal that withdrawals from the Las Vegas Artesian Basin exceed estimates of annual recharge available to the Basin.

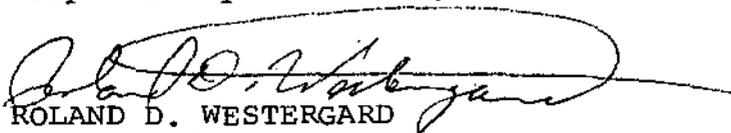
By letter dated September 18, 1968, Mr. Ivan P. Head, General Manager of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, stated that the district can furnish to the applicant the quantity of water proposed to be appropriated under Application 24813. NRS 534.120 provides that the State Engineer may deny applications to appropriate ground water for any purpose in an area that has been designated by the State Engineer when water can be furnished by an entity such as a water district or a municipality presently engaged in furnishing water to the inhabitants thereof.

The subject application was considered at the April 1, 1969, meeting of the Las Vegas Valley Ground Water Board. The Ground Water Board unanimously recommended denial of the application.

RULING

Application 24813 is denied on the grounds that granting the application would impair the value of existing water rights and would be detrimental to the public interest.

Respectfully submitted,

  
ROLAND D. WESTERGARD  
State Engineer

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Dated this 18th day  
of June, 1969.