

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 30996)
FILED BY THE PIQUET RANCHES, INC.,)
TO APPROPRIATE WATER FROM AN)
UNDERGROUND SOURCE IN HUMBOLDT)
COUNTY, NEVADA.)

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General:

Application 30996 was filed on January 14, 1977 by the Piquet Ranches, Inc., to appropriate 10.0 c.f.s. of water from an underground source for irrigation and domestic purposes. The proposed point of diversion is described as within the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32, T.35N., R.40E., M.D.M. The place of use is described as 800 acres within portions of Sections 32 and 33, T.35N., R.40E., M.D.M. and portions of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 5, T.34N., R.40E., M.D.M.

Application 30996 is appurtenant in part to lands under Proofs 00131, 00132 and 00133 from Little Rock Creek under the Bartlett Decree, Humboldt River Adjudication.

The proposed point of diversion and place of use under Application 30996 are located within the Winnemucca Segment Ground Water Basin as designated by the State Engineer by Order No. 534 dated May 6, 1975 under the provisions of NRS 534.030.

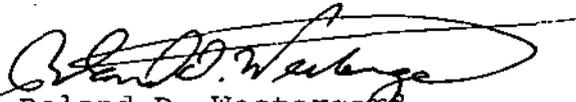
Water Resources Bulletin No. 32 published by the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the U. S. Geological Survey, estimates the ground water recharge to the Winnemucca Segment Ground Water Basin to be 4,400 acre-feet annually.

Permits have been granted by the State Engineer in excess of the annual recharge within the Winnemucca Segment Ground Water Basin.

Ruling:

Application 30996 is herewith denied on the grounds that the granting would tend to impair the value of existing rights and threaten to prove detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,


Roland D. Westergard
State Engineer

RDW/WJN/dc

Dated this 25th day
of July 1977.