

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS 39461)
AND 39464 FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE)
PUBLIC WATERS FROM AN UNDERGROUND)
SOURCE WITHIN THE PILOT CREEK)
VALLEY GROUND WATER BASIN IN ELKO)
COUNTY, NEVADA.)
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RULING

GENERAL

Application 39461¹ was filed on November 1, 1979, by Susan G. Winegar to appropriate 7.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the W1/2 Section 20, T.35N., R.69E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the NW1/4 SW1/4 Section 20, T.35N., R.69E., M.D.B.&M.

Application 39464¹ was filed on November 1, 1979, by Ramon A. Winegar to appropriate 7.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the E1/2 Section 20, T.35N., R.69E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 20, T.35N., R.69E., M.D.B.&M.

FINDINGS

I.

Records and information² available to the State Engineer indicate that Applications 39461 and 39464 were filed in support of Desert Land Entry applications.

II.

By letter³ dated February 25, 1984, the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, notified the State Engineer that the following Desert Land Entry Applications had been closed and the case files are dead.

<u>BLM ENTRY NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LAND DESCRIPTION</u>
N-26798	Ramon Winegar	T.35N., R.69E., Sec. 20
N-26799	Susan Winegar	T.35N., R.69E., Sec. 20

¹ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under applications to appropriate 39461 and 39464.

² Public records in the office of the State Engineer.

³ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under Applications 39461 and 39464.

III.

The applicants under Applications 39461 and 39464 do not own or control the land described under the place of use of the applications.

CONCLUSIONS

I.

The State Engineer has jurisdiction⁴ over the matter described herein.

II.

Applications 39461 and 39464 were filed in support of Desert Land Entries. The Desert Land Entry applications described under III of Findings have been closed on the records of the Bureau of Land Management, therefore, the applicants do not own or control the land described under the place of use of the applications and cannot demonstrate the ability to place the water to beneficial use.

III.

To grant applications to appropriate the public waters for irrigation on lands the applicant does not own or control or where the applicant cannot demonstrate the ability to place the water to beneficial use, would not be in the public interest and welfare.

RULING

Applications 39461 and 39464 are herewith denied on the grounds that to grant the applications for irrigation purposes on lands that the applicant does not own or control and cannot demonstrate the ability to place the water to beneficial use, would not be in the public interest and welfare.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter G. Morros
State Engineer

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Dated this 28th day of

FEBRUARY, 1984.

⁴ NRS Chapters 533 and 534.