

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS 40978)
AND 40979 FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE)
PUBLIC WATERS FROM AN UNDERGROUND)
SOURCE WITHIN THE RALSTON VALLEY)
GROUND WATER BASIN IN NYE COUNTY,)
NEVADA.)
)
)

RULING

GENERAL

Application 40978¹ was filed on March 31, 1980, by Wayne R. Rich to appropriate 5.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the W1/2 Section 22, T.6N., R.44E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the SW1/4 NW1/4 Section 22, T.6N., R.44E., M.D.B.&M.

Application 40979¹ was filed on March 31, 1980, by Roy J. Larsen to appropriate 5.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the E1/2 Section 22, T.6N., R.44E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the NE1/4 NE1/4 Section 22, T.6N., R.44E., M.D.B.&M.

FINDINGS

I.

Ralston Valley Ground Water Basin was described and designated² by the State Engineer on April 22, 1980, as a ground water basin in need of additional administration under the provisions of NRS Chapter 534.

II.

Records and information³ available to the State Engineer indicate that Applications 40978 and 40979 were filed in support of Desert Land Entry applications.

¹ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under applications to appropriate 40978 and 40979.

² Public record in the office of the State Engineer - State Engineer's Order No. 742.

³ Public records in the office of the State Engineer.

III.

By letter⁴ dated July 20, 1983, 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-29700	Roy J. Larsen	T.6N., R.44E., Sec. 22
N-29701	Wayne R. Rich	T.6N., R.44E., Sec. 22

IV.

The applicants under Applications 40978 and 40979 do not own or control the land described under the place of use of the applications.

CONCLUSIONS

I.

The State Engineer has jurisdiction⁵ over the matter described herein.

II.

Applications 40978 and 40979 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.

⁴ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under Applications 40978 and 40979.

⁵ NRS Chapters 533 and 534.

RULING

Applications 40978 and 40979 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 23rd day of
MARCH, 1984.