

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATIONS)
42226, 42227, 42228 AND 42229 FILED)
TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS)
FROM AN UNDERGROUND SOURCE WITHIN)
THE SPRING VALLEY GROUND WATER)
BASIN IN WHITE PINE COUNTY, NEVADA.)

RULING 2960

GENERAL

Application 42226¹ was filed on August 28, 1980, by Jean M. Causey to appropriate 5.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the E1/2 Section 23, T.11N., R.66E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the SE1/4 NE1/4 Section 23, T.11N., R.66E., M.D.B.&M.

Application 42227¹ was filed on August 28, 1980, by Jean M. Causey to appropriate 5.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the E1/2 Section 23, T.11N., R.66E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 23, T.11N., R.66E., M.D.B.&M.

Application 42228¹ was filed on August 28, 1980, by David F. Causey to appropriate 5.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the E1/2 Section 14, T.11N., R.66E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the SE1/4 SE1/4 Section 14, T.11N., R.66E., M.D.B.&M.

Application 42229¹ was filed on August 28, 1980, by David F. Causey to appropriate 5.4 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 320 acres of land within the E1/2 Section 14, T.11N., R.66E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the SE1/4 NE1/4 Section 14, T.11N., R.66E., M.D.B.&M.

FINDINGS

I.

Records and information² available to the State Engineer indicate that Applications 42226, 42227, 42228 and 42229 were filed in support of Desert Land Entry applications.

¹ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under application to appropriate 42226, 42227, 42228 and 42229.

² Public records in the office of the State Engineer.

II.

By letter³ dated August 6, 1982, 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-23185	Jean M. Causey	T.11N., R.66E., Sec. 23
N-23186	David F. Causey	T.11N., R.66E., Sec. 14

III.

The applicants under Applications 42226, 42227, 42228 and 42229 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 42226, 42227, 42228 and 42229 were filed in support of Desert Land Entries. The Desert Land Entry applications described under II. 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.

³ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under Applications 42226, 42227, 42228 and 42229.

⁴ NRS Chapters 533 and 534.

RULING

Applications 42226, 42227, 42228 and 42229 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 10th day of

MAY, 1984.