

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 19624 )  
FILED ON MARCH 2, 1961, BY RALPH )  
G. STOKES TO APPROPRIATE WATER FROM )  
AN UNDERGROUND SOURCE FOR IRRIGATION )  
AND DOMESTIC PURPOSES IN NYE COUNTY, )  
NEVADA. )

R U L I N G

Application 19624 was filed March 2, 1961, in support of Desert Land Application NEV 056366. On May 24, 1962, we were notified by the Bureau of Land Management, Reno, Nevada, that they had rejected the land application.

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This application is in the area described as the Amargosa Desert area in the "Ground Water Resources-Reconnaissance Series, Report 14, Geology and Ground Water of Amargosa Desert, Nevada-California", prepared by U. S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior and the Department of Conservation & Natural Resources. This report states that there is an estimated 7,000 acre-feet potentially available for pumping from the underground water in Amargosa Desert.

The Bureau of Land Management reports in its Decision of May 24, 1962, that "some 25,600 acres in the Amargosa Desert--Ash Meadow Valley Basin have already been patented or allowed for agricultural entry".

OPINION

It is the opinion of this office that the granting of this application for land that is not owned or controlled by the applicant, in an area where there is a limited ground water reservoir, would tend to impair the value of existing water rights and would be detrimental to the orderly development of the area.

RULING

Application 19624 is herewith denied on grounds that its granting would tend to impair the value of existing rights and would be otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully submitted,

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