

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 23464 )  
FILED TO APPROPRIATE WATERS OF AN )  
UNDERGROUND SOURCE, (LAS VEGAS )  
ARTESIAN BASIN) IN CLARK COUNTY, )  
NEVADA. )

R U L I N G

GENERAL:

Application 23464 was filed by DKW, Incorporated to appropriate water from an underground source for irrigation (cemetary landscaping) and domestic purposes. The point of diversion shown on the application is within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, T. 20S., R. 61E., M.D.B.&M., and the place of use is within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of said Section 27, (14.24 acres).

The proposed point of diversion and place of use are within the designated area of the Las Vegas Artesian Basin and actual pumpage records indicate that ground water withdrawals from the Basin exceed estimates of recharge to the Basin.

The subject application was originally reviewed at the March 7, 1967 meeting of the Las Vegas Valley Ground Water Board and Board action was postponed until the April 4, 1967 Board Meeting. At the April 4, 1967 meeting, the Board members present unanimously recommended denial of the applications. It was pointed out, at the April 4, 1967 meeting, that the Las Vegas Valley Water District has existing water lines in the immediate vicinity of the well covered by the application.

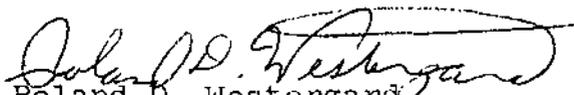
OPINION:

It is the opinion of this office that the granting of a subsurface right on the Las Vegas Artesian Basin when water is available, from an entity such as a water district or a municipality engaged in furnishing water, would be detrimental to the public welfare. It is also the opinion of this office that the granting of a subsurface right for irrigation purposes in the Las Vegas Artesian Basin would adversely affect the existing water rights in the basin.

RULING

Applications 23464 is hereby denied on the grounds that the granting of the application would impair the value of the existing subsurface water rights and be detrimental to the public welfare.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Roland D. Westergard  
Assistant State Engineer

RDW:BJV:jb

Dated This 8th Day  
of May, 1967.