

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 41106)
FILED TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC)
WATERS FROM AN UNDERGROUND SOURCE)
WITHIN THE INDEPENDENCE VALLEY)
GROUND WATER BASIN IN ELKO COUNTY,)
NEVADA.)

RULING

GENERAL

Application 41106 was filed on April 16, 1980 by Lawrence L. and Joyce Wright to appropriate 12.8 c.f.s. of water from an underground source to irrigate 640 acres of land within Section 26, T.35N., R.63E., M.D.B.&M. The point of diversion is described as being within the SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 26, T.35N., R.63E., M.D.B.&M.¹

FINDINGS

I.

Records and information available to the State Engineer indicate that Application 41106 was filed in support of Desert Land Entry application.²

II.

By letter dated January 24, 1985, the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, notified the State Engineer that the following Desert Land Entry Application had been closed and the case file is dead.³

<u>BLM ENTRY NO.</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>LAND DESCRIPTION</u>
N-24773	Joyce Wright	T.35N., R.63E., Sec. 26
N-24774	Lawrence L. Wright	T.35N., R.63E., Sec. 26

III.

The applicant under Application 41106 does not own or control the land described under the place of use of the application.

¹ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under application to appropriate 41106.

² Public record in the office of the State Engineer.

³ Public record in the office of the State Engineer under Application 41106.

CONCLUSIONS

I.

The State Engineer has jurisdiction over the matter described herein.⁴

II.

Application 41106 was filed in support of Desert Land Entry. The Desert Land Entry application described under II of Findings has been closed on the records of the Bureau of Land Management, therefore, the applicant does not own or control the land described under the place of use of the application and cannot demonstrate the ability to place the water to beneficial use.

III.

To grant an application 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

Application 41106 is herewith denied on the grounds that to grant the application 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 15th day of
April, 1985.

⁴ NRS Chapters 533 and 534.