

**IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER
OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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ORDER

**FOR DOMESTIC WELL CREDIT WITHIN THE
CARSON DESERT (101), HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN**

WHEREAS, this order is adopted under the procedure set forth in Chapter 534.350 of the Nevada Revised Statutes for the establishment of a program that allows a public water system to receive credits for the addition of new customers to its system;

WHEREAS, this order covers a portion of the Carson Desert Hydrographic Basin (101) within Churchill County and more specifically described as being:

T.17N., R.28E. (MDB&M)

All of Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36.

T.17N., R.29E. (MDB&M)

All.

T.17N., R.30E. (MDB&M)

All.

T.18N., R.26E. (MDB&M)

All of Sections 1 and 12 and those portions of Sections 2, 13, and 24 within the Carson Desert Drainage Basin.

T.18N., R.27E. (MDB&M)

All of Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, and 36 and those portions of Sections 29, 30, and 32 within the Carson Desert Drainage Basin.

T.18N., R.28E. (MDB&M)

All.

T.18N., R.29E. (MDB&M)

All.

T.18N., R.30E. (MDB&M)

All.

T.18N., R.31E. (MDB&M)

All of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31, and 32, and the W½ of Sections 4, 9, 16, 21, 28, and 33.

T.19N., R.26E. (MDB&M)

Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 34, 35, and 36 and those portions of Sections 5, 8, 19, 20, and 33 within the Carson Desert Drainage Basin.

T.19N., R.27E. (MDB&M)

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T.19N., R.28E. (MDB&M)

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T.19N., R.29E. (MDB&M)
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T.19N., R.30E. (MDB&M)
All.

T.19N., R.31E. (MDB&M)
All of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33.

T.20N., R.26E. (MDB&M)
All of Sections 1, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36 and those portions of Sections 3, 16, 20, 29, and 32 within the Carson Desert Drainage Basin.

T.20N., R.27E. (MDB&M)
All.

T.20N., R.28E. (MDB&M)
All.

T.20N., R.29E. (MDB&M)
All.

T.20N., R.30E. (MDB&M)
All.

T.20N., R.31E. (MDB&M)
All.

WHEREAS, this order proposes that a public water system that provides water for municipal purposes within the area described above receive a credit for each customer who is added to their system provided:

- a. A single family dwelling which is presently utilizing a domestic well on a lot established as a separate lot before July 1, 1993, and voluntarily ceases to draw water from that well located within the described area; or
- b. Any owner of a lot with the ability to drill a domestic well and utilize water from that well meets the following conditions:
 - (1) That the described lot is located within the area described; and
 - (2) That the lot was established as a separate lot before July 1, 1993; and
 - (3) That the lot was approved by a local governing body or planning commission for service by an individual domestic well before July 1, 1993; and
 - (4) A written agreement is entered between the owner of the lot and the public water system, wherein, the owner agrees not to drill a domestic well on the lot, and the public water system agrees that it will provide water service to that lot. Any such agreement must be acknowledged and recorded in the same manner as conveyances affecting real property are required to be acknowledged and recorded pursuant to Chapter 111 of NRS.

WHEREAS, if a county requires, by ordinance, the dedication to the county of a right to appropriate water from a domestic well which is located on a lot or other parcel of land that was established as a separate lot or parcel on or after July 1, 1993, the county may, by relinquishment to the State Engineer, allow the right to appropriate water to revert to the source of the water and if an owner of such a parcel of land becomes a new customer of a public water system for that parcel of land, the public water system is entitled to receive a credit in the same manner as the addition of any other customer to the public water system pursuant to NRS 534.350;

WHEREAS, the State Engineer may require each new customer who voluntarily ceases to withdraw water from a domestic well to plug that well at such time as notification of service from the public water system is made;

WHEREAS, a credit granted to the public water system under this order:

- a. Will be for domestic uses as defined by NRS 534.013.
- b. May not exceed the increase in water consumption attributable to the additional service connection or 2 acre-feet per year, whichever is less. The amount of water provided to each service will be reported by each public utility on a yearly basis, in addition to the amount pumped under any permitted water right.
- c. Cannot be converted to an appropriative right.
- d. May only be used at the location of the lot for which credit is being sought.
- e. Will only be from a water purveyor who pumps ground water within the same ground water basin as covered by this order.

WHEREAS, this order does not:

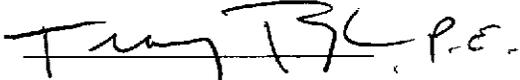
- a. Require the public water system to extend its service area unless approved by the Nevada Public Utilities Commission.
- b. Authorize any increase or the potential increase in the total amount of ground water pumped in the Carson Desert Hydrographic Basin (101).
- c. Affect any rights of an owner of a domestic well who does not voluntarily bring himself within the provisions of this order.
- d. Interfere with the State Engineer's authority to possibly restrict the drilling of a domestic well for domestic use, as defined in this order, in the described area of this order where water can be furnished by an entity presently engaged in serving water within the said area.

WHEREAS, any such request for a domestic well credit under this order shall be made to the State Engineer on the form provided by his office or similar pre-approved form;

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this order:

- a. "Domestic well" means a well used for culinary and household purposes in:
 - (1) A single-family dwelling; and
 - (2) An accessory dwelling unit for a single-family dwelling if provided for in an applicable local ordinance, including the watering of a garden, lawn and domestic animals where the drought does not exceed 2 acre-feet per year.
- b. "Lot" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 278.0165.
- c. "Public Water System" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 445A.840.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority in NRS 534.350, the State Engineer hereby establishes a domestic well credit program in the Carson Desert Hydrographic Basin (101), as heretofore described.


Tracy Taylor, P.E.
State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada this
24th day of June, 2008.