

IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER

OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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ORDER

WHEREAS, NRS § 534.120 provides that within an area that has been designated by the State Engineer where, in his judgment, the ground water basin is being depleted, the State Engineer in his administrative capacity is empowered to make such rules, regulations and orders as are deemed essential for the welfare of the area involved, and

WHEREAS, the State Engineer has designated the Warm Springs Valley Hydrographic Basin (84) as provided for under NRS § 534.030 by Order No. 607, dated January 18, 1977;

WHEREAS, the Nevada Division of Water Resources estimates the perennial yield of the Warm Springs Valley Hydrographic Basin is 3,000 acre-feet annually;<sup>1</sup>

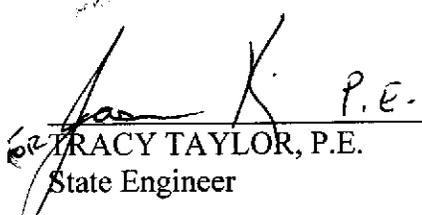
WHEREAS, the committed groundwater resource in the form of permits and certificates of record issued by the Office of the State Engineer within the Warm Springs Valley Hydrographic Basin exceeds 6,500 acre-feet annually;

WHEREAS, current groundwater inventories conducted by the Office of the State Engineer show the pumpage of groundwater in the Warm Springs Valley Hydrographic Basin is in excess of the perennial yield.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that, in accordance with NRS § 534.120(2), the safeguarding of the limited groundwater supply within the Warm Springs Valley Hydrographic Basin necessitates and demands that irrigation use be excluded from the preferred uses of the groundwater resource and that no new appropriations for irrigation purposes be issued. Further, it is ordered that, with the following exceptions, applications filed to appropriate groundwater pursuant to Chapter 534 within the designated Warm Springs Valley Hydrographic Basin will be denied.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Those applications filed for commercial, industrial, stockwater or wildlife purposes that seek to appropriate 2.0 acre-feet annually or less and where the property is zoned for such purposes.
2. Those applications filed pursuant to NRS § 533.371.
3. Those applications for environmental permits filed pursuant to NRS § 533.437.

  
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TRACY TAYLOR, P.E.  
State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada this

25th day of March, 2010

<sup>1</sup> Office of the State Engineer, *Water for Nevada, State of Nevada Water Planning Report No. 3*, p. 19, Oct. 1971.