

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION 27409 )  
FILED APRIL 13, 1973 BY EVALUATORS, INC. )  
TO APPROPRIATE WATER FROM AN UNDERGROUND )  
SOURCE IN PAHRUMP VALLEY, NYE COUNTY, )  
NEVADA. )

R U L I N G

GENERAL:

Application 27409 was filed by Evaluators, Inc. on April 13, 1973 to appropriate 5.0 c.f.s. of water from an underground source for quasi-municipal purposes. The proposed point of diversion is within the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 24, T.19S., R.53E., M.D.B.& M. The place of use is described as within Section 23, N $\frac{1}{2}$ , and the W $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 24; W $\frac{1}{2}$  and the W $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 26; NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 27, all in T. 19S., R.53E., M.D.B.& M. The period of use to be from January 1 to December 31 of each year. The applicant states the place of use is proposed for development into approximately 7,800 Trailer Estate lots.

The point of diversion and place of use of Application 27409 is located on the Pahrump fan above State Highway 16, within the area designated as the Pahrump Artesian Basin. A large number of existing water rights of record are situated on the Pahrump fan.

The 1972 pumping inventory indicates a total of 36,630 acre-feet of water was pumped from the Pahrump Artesian Basin. Thus, the continuous pumping has resulted in a gradual lowering of the water table from 40 to 60 feet in areas on the fan over the past 18 years. As a result, depths to water and pumping lifts have increased proportionately. In addition, the well production or capacity of the wells have had a marked decrease in this period.

RULING

Application 27409 is herewith denied on the grounds that the granting of this application would adversely affect existing water rights.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Roland D. Westergard  
State Engineer

Dated this 27th day  
of June, 1973.

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