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September 1, 2015

Re: Order Nos. 1251, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260 and 1261, Requiring Totalizing Meter Installation Within The Designated And Partially Designated Hydrographic Basins Of The Humboldt River Hydrographic Region (04)

Dear Water User:

In response to the concerns of water users within the Humboldt River Hydrographic Region, the State Engineer has ordered the installation of measuring devices for diversion of groundwater rights. <u>This letter serves to inform you that you are required to install a</u> totalizing meter prior to February 1, 2016.

<u>The following uses are excepted from this requirement: (1) domestic wells; (2)</u> <u>stockwatering wells; and (3) those water rights that are authorized for annual withdrawals</u> <u>of 5.0 acre-feet or less.</u>¹

The purpose of requiring totalizing meters is to accurately determine the amount of groundwater pumped within the Humboldt River Hydrographic Region. The information obtained from the reporting of the totalizing meter readings will assist the Nevada Division of Water Resources in evaluating claims of impacts to existing water rights within the subject area and to ensure the proper management of the Humboldt River Region's limited water resources.

You must also timely submit the enclosed form, '*Report of Installation of Totalizing Meter*,' **by February 1, 2016**. This form must also be re-submitted within 30 days when a replacement meter is installed.

¹ If you own a water right that falls within these exceptions, but the terms of your permit require the installation of a meter, the terms of your permit take precedence over exceptions to the meter order and you are still required to install a meter.

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In the event that you do not install a totalizing meter or fail to maintain an existing totalizing meter in a timely manner, the State Engineer may take enforcement action against you, as set forth under Nevada Revised Statute § 534.193.

In addition to the requirement of the installation of a totalizing meter, monthly records must be kept of the amount of water pumped from the well and the records must be submitted to the State Engineer on a quarterly basis, within 15 days after the end of each quarter (April 15, July 15, October 15 and January 15), beginning in 2016 and every year thereafter. The instructions for self reporting will be mailed under a separate letter prior to the first reporting period.

The Nevada Division of Water Resources will have a strong presence in the field during the upcoming irrigation season, measuring diversion rates and comparing those to existing totalizing meter readings. Staff will also confirm that the totalizing meter has been properly installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications and report to the permittee any deficiencies found and what corrective action needs to be taken to correct those problems.

To obtain information regarding purchasing or installing a totalizing meter, please contact a licensed well driller, irrigation equipment dealer or plumbing supply company.

The State Engineer's orders can be found on the Division of Water Resources website at <u>http://water.nv.gov</u> under the Water Rights tab, Orders Search. If you have any questions regarding the orders, or any other issue, please call (775) 684-2800.

Sincerely, P.E.

Jason King, P.E. State Engineer

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Submit to: Nevada Division of Water Resources 901 South Stewart Street, Suite 2002 Carson City, NV 89701

REPORT OF INSTALLATION OF TOTALIZING METER

Permit No(s).: _____ (<u>one</u> form per meter) Well Log No.: _____

In accordance with State Engineer's requirement for the installation and maintenance of a totalizing meter, the following information is being submitted as notice that the required totalizing meter has been properly installed:

The meter is located at Assessor's Parcel Number (APN)		County:	
OR in the	Quarter of the	Quarter of Section	
circle one	E., M.D.B.&M.,	County, Nevada.	
1. Meter Serial No.:	Date Installed:	4	
3. Meter Model No.:			
4. Meter Size:			
5. Meter Units:	□ Acre-feet □ Cubic Feet		
6. Multiplier Factor: 🗆 None 🗆	$x1000 \square x100 \square x10 \square x .01$	□ x .001 □ Other:	
7. Meter Reading on Date Installed:			
8. This meter is \Box Existing \Box New \Box I	Replacement.		
➢ If this is a replacement meter, answer	items 9 and 10 for the old meter.		
9. Retired Meter Serial No.:	Date Removed:		
10. Meter Reading on Date Removed:		month day year	
Additional Notes (e.g., which gauge sho	uld be read for electronic meters, instru	ctions for access to meter):	
Please Print			
□ Owner □ Tenant □Agent Name:			
Address:	Telephone: ()	
City, State, Zip + 4:	Email Address		
Signature:		Date:	
Contact for meter access:	Contact's Telephone: ())	