Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use

INSTRUCTIONS

Prior to completing the Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use, it is useful to review the permit, the terms upon which the permit was issued, and the previously filed Proof of Completion of Work. A copy of the permit and supporting map(s) may be obtained from the State Engineer’s website at http://water.nv.gov. A copy of the Proof of Completion of Work may be obtained by calling the State Engineer’s office at (775) 684-2800.

**Heading** - The permit number must be entered. A separate PBU is required for each permit.

**Question 1** - Enter the name of the person filing the Proof. The name under Question 1 must be the same as the person signing the Proof before the notary as shown on Page 3.

**Question 2** - Enter whether the person named in Question 1 is the Permittee or is acting as an agent for the Permittee. If acting as an agent, please state your relationship to the permittee (for example: water right surveyor, attorney, manager, lessee, etc.).

**Question 3** - Enter the current owner of record as shown in the records of the State Engineer. Please mention if a Report of Conveyance updating ownership is pending confirmation in this office.

**Question 4** - Enter the source of the water. For a named lake, stream or spring, give the name.

**Question 5** - The terms of the permit will state whether a measuring device is required. Review the permit and answer this question appropriately.

**Question 5a** - If a totalizing meter is required in the permit terms, this question must be completed with the make, model, and serial number of the meter with the date of installation and the reading on the date of installation. The installation date and reading may be available on the Proof of Completion, if the same meter is still in place.

**Question 5b** - If a totalizing meter is required in the permit terms, actual meter readings are required. The meter readings should cover a minimum of 12-consecutive months, and the readings submitted must have been taken within a four (4) year period prior to the submission of the Proof. The record submitted should include the meter reading with units, the name of the person reading the meter, and the date of each measurement.

**Question 6** - When a headgate, weir or flume is used to measure water use, specify the type, size and location of the measuring device, and submit the record of measurements and corresponding flow rates. Give the name of the person making the measurements and the date of each measurement. Measurements must be made each time the flow rate changes. The flow rates must be converted to the seasonal or annual duty used.

For a measuring device not discussed above, give a description of the method used to measure the quantity of water placed to beneficial use. For example, size and number of water trucks filled, or...
operating specifications for an irrigation system with required flow rate, hours of operation, and metered power usage.

**Question 7** - Enter the actual diversion rate that the works of diversion delivers water from the source. Report the rate in cubic feet per second or gallons per minute. For an underground source through a pump, diversion rate can be determined from a pump test (a test of the actual pump in the well, not the “pump test” done by the well driller utilizing the drilling rig); by meter; or by measuring the time required to pump a known quantity of water. For surface water, refer to “Common Methods of Measuring Water as Practiced in Western States” available on the State Engineer’s web site [http://water.nv.gov](http://water.nv.gov).

**Question 8** - For the diversion rate given under Line 7, state the name of the person that made the measurement, the date measured, and the method used.

**Question 9** - State the dates during any given year, between which water has been used beneficially. If the terms of the permit allow annual use, enter “January 1 to December 31”. For surface water distributed under the terms of a decree, “as decreed” may be entered.

**Question 10** - State the purpose for which the water is being beneficially used. Please note that this use should match the proposed manner of use under the permit. You may more fully describe the actual use of water under questions 22-24.

**Question 11** - Describe the point of diversion (POD) as within a 40-acre legal subdivision (1/16th section) or government lot and tie by bearing and distance to an established section corner, quarter corner, or 1/16th corner. Please note that if the works of diversion were constructed at the surveyed location given in the permit, the description under Question 11 will match the proposed point of diversion (Item #5) on the permit (enter the complete description).

You may enter a description different from the permit if the actual “as built” site of the works of diversion differs from the permitted location, and the “as built” location has been determined by a new survey. Please note that the “as built” well location for an underground source must be within 300 feet of the permitted location and must lie within the permitted quarter-quarter. For a surface source, the “as built” location should match the permitted location. Please contact the State Engineer’s office for guidance if the “as built” POD does not lie within these limits.

**Questions 12 through 15 should be answered only if water is used for irrigation.**

**Question 12** - Enter the total number of acres that are being irrigated with water under the subject permit.

**Question 13** - State the number of acres irrigated within each 40-acre legal subdivision. List only acreage upon which water has been used beneficially under this permit. Please note that the acreage listed by legal subdivision must add up to the total acreage as shown under Question 12, and the acreage listed must agree with the acreage illustrated on the cultural map.

**Question 14** - State the manner of irrigation. For example, flood, wheel line, center pivot, or drip.

**Question 15** - If you obtain irrigation water for use on the acreage listed above from any source other that this permit, please describe the other source (s). This includes water obtained from
irrigation districts, streams, springs, effluent or from other wells. Give permit, certificate or claim numbers for the additional sources.

Questions 16 and 17 should be answered only if water is used for stockwater or wildlife use.

Question 16-Fully describe the works of diversion and the system by which the water is distributed and/or stored for use. Give the dimensions of any dam, spring box, storage tank, pipe or trough. If the source is underground, describe the well, pump and motor, or pump jack, including the make, model and serial numbers.

Question 17-State the number and kind of animals watered.

Questions 18 through 21 should be answered only if water is used for mining, milling or dewatering.

Question 18-Give a detailed description of the works of diversion including dimensions.

Question 19-If water is used for power generation and the water is conveyed in a ditch, pipe or flume, give the average grade of the conduit or give the difference in elevation between the termini of the conduit.

Question 20-Give hours per day and days per year when water is diverted.

Question 21-If any of the diverted water is re-injected or infiltrated, state the percentage and fully describe the re-injection or infiltration project. If any of the diverted water is discharged to the surface, state the quantity discharged, describe the discharge system, and give the name of any natural watercourse receiving discharged water.

Questions 22 through 24 must be answered if water is used for any purpose not mentioned above.

Question 22-Describe fully the works of diversion, manner and place of use. The description must include the type and number of units being served. For example, a commercial use might be described as follows: a drilled well, 400 feet deep, 8-inch diameter casing, equipped with a 2-HP Grundfos submersible pump, to a 100-gallon pressure tank serving a filling station, restaurant, and convenience store located within NE¼ NE¼ Section 10, T10N, R10E, being APN 123-456-789.

Question 23-If more than one type of unit is being served under this permit, give the approximate amount of water used by each distinct unit. For example, if a QM permit were used for a house, guest house, and elaborate landscaping with water features, the landscaping might account for 90% of the water use.

Question 24-Include any additional information that is important for a full description of the beneficial use of the water. If this proof is being filed by an agent, did the agent physically inspect the site? If not, please indicate how the agent obtained the information in this Proof.

The Proof of Application of Water to Beneficial Use is a notarized affidavit; therefore, the Proof must have the original signature of the affiant signed before a notary. Please be sure the notary has affixed their seal to, and properly signed, the affidavit.

A $60.00 filing fee must accompany each Proof.