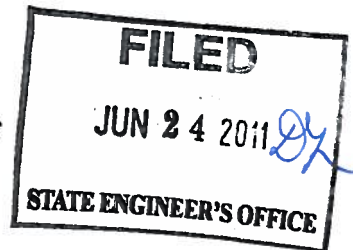


IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE ENGINEER OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION NUMBER 80700
FILED BY National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
ON March 24, 20 11

PROTEST



Comes now Six-N-Ranch Inc. by Richard B. Nuti V.P.

Printed or typed name of protestant

whose post office address is P.O. Box 49 Smith, NV 89430

Street No. or PO Box, City, State and ZIP Code

whose occupation is Farming

and protests the granting

of Application Number 80700, filed on March 24, 20 11

by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for the

waters of Walker River and its Tributaries situated in Lyon

an underground source or name of stream, lake, spring or other source

County, State of Nevada, for the following reasons and on the following grounds, to wit:

1. Changing the place of use to the Walker Lake will have an effect on the underground water because there will be less recharge in the basin. The water will remain in the river channel instead of percolating into the soil during irrigation.
2. As water is removed from canal systems there will be less water to help transport the irrigation water to the farmers causing increased losses to the remaining farms. There will also be increased operational costs as less acres pay for the same maintenance.
3. Decree starts flowing March 1st. Often times the ground is saturated from winter and many farms can't put their decree to beneficial use which allows it to stay in the river. Eventually if no one uses the decree, the decree is full and W.R.I.D. can store water in the reservoir creating more storage water for the farmers.

See additional papers.

THEREFORE the Protestor requests that the application be Denied.

Denied, issued subject to prior rights, etc., as the case may be

and that an order be entered for such relief as the State Engineer deems just and proper.

Signed

Richard B. Nuti
Agent or protestant

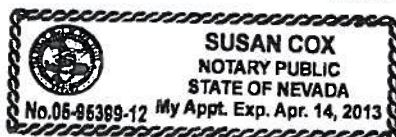
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June, 20 11



Susan Cox
Notary Public

State of Nevada
County of Carson City

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If the decree is allowed to flow to the Walker Lake the ability to store water in March may be lessened because NFWF will want to get all the Decree available to them down river when many farms and ranches would not be able to put it to beneficial use.

4. In looking at the application the years of decree start at 1874 and go up to 1906. It is my understanding that all decree was above 1874 was given supplemental storage, yet there is no mention of what happens to the supplemental storage water. Also in the application is a statement to withdraw 646.16 acres of supplemental ground water if the application is approved. If approved will this 646.16 acres be fallowed and the supplemental well abandoned?

5. The State Engineers office issued flood water permits to the Walker River Irrigation District. These permits are extremely important to our farming operation. Our farm opposed the sale and or leasing of flood waters to N.F.W.F, other than those allowed to them from lands they have purchased. We have already observed farmers who have sold flood rights, pumping what we believe to be supplemental wells. This has an effect on the underground water because they should be using the flood waters at this time.

In conclusion we oppose the transfer of water to Walker Lake.

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