IN THE TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE RELATIVE RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WATERS OF PAHRANAGAT LAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES IN LINCOLN COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA.

DECREE

This proceeding coming on for hearing on the twenty-first day of June, 1927, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock of the forencom of said day, before Honorable Wm. E. Orr, Judge of the above entitled Court, and all exceptors to the State Engineer's Order of determination being present in person and represented by their counsel, and the State Engineer being represented by Field Engineer H. T. McQuiston and it appearing to the Court;

That on Dec. 8, 1919, Mrs. Rachel Stewart, John W. Wedge, Geo. W. Richard, John W. Richard, Joseph L. Sharp, Christian A. Koyen, and W. F. Thorne, all of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada, and water users from Ash Springs, a tributary of Pahranagat Lake, petitioned the State Engineer for a determination of the relative rights to the use of water from Pahranagat Lake and its tributaries.

That on the _____ day of July, 1920, a further petition for such determination was received by the State Engineer from N. T. Stewart Sr., J. F. Foremaster, Raymond Stewart, Sid Pace and C. I. Wadsworth, all of Alamo, Lincoln County, Nevada, and using water from Ash, Crystal, and Hiko Springs, tributaries of Pahranagat Lake.

That the then State Engineer, J. G. Scrugham, thereupon in accordance with the provisions of section 18, chapter 140, Nevada Statutes of 1913, made an investigation to disclose whether facts and conditions justified such determination of the

relative rights involved.

That as a result of his investigation, he was convinced that facts and conditions did justify such determination of relative rights on the stream system in question, and that he did therefore make and enter on the records of his office an Order for the determination of the relative rights of the various claimants to the use of water of the Pahranagat Lake stream system, located in Lincoln County, Nevada.

That as soon as practicable thereafter, the State Engineer did proceed with such determination of performing the acts required of him by law, as hereinafter stated, namely:

That as soon as practicable after the making and entering of said Order upon the records of his office, and on the 22d day of June, 1921, he prepared a Notice setting forth the fact of the entry of said Order, and of the pendency of said proceedings, naming therein the date of July 27, 1921, when he or his assistants would begin their examinations, and set forth therein that all claimants to rights in the waters of said stream system were required by law to make proof of their respective claims.

That the State Engineer thereupon caused said notice to be published for a period of four consecutive weeks in the Caliente News, a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the Pahranagat Lake Stream system.

That at the time set in said Notice, or on July 27, 1921, the State Engineer did begin an investigation of the flow of said Pahranagat Lake and its tributaries and of the ditches diverting waters and of the lands irrigated therefrom and did proceed with such investigation by gathering all data and information as was essential to a proper determination of the water rights involved.

That he did thereafter reduce his observations and measurements to writing and did cause to be executed surveys,

and did cause to be prepared maps from the observations of such surveys, in accordance with uniform rules and regulations heretofore adopted by him, which surveys and maps did, and do now,
show with substantial accuracy the location and course of said
stream and its tributaries, the location of each ditch diverting
water therefrom together with the points of diversion thereof,
the area and outline of each parcel of land upon which the waters
of said stream or tributaries had heretofore been employed for
the irrigation of crops or pastures, and indicating the kind of
culture upon each of said parcels of land, and which said maps,
when completed, were filed and made a record in the office of
the State Engineer, and that the maps for original filings in
said office were made upon tracing linen to a scale of not less
than one thouwand feet to one inch.

That upon the filing of such measurements, maps and determinations, the State Engineer did prepare a Notice setting forth the date of October 15, 1921, when he would commence the taking of proofs as to the rights in and to the waters of Pahranagat Lake and its tributaries and the date prior to which the same should be filed.

That, thereafter, the State Engineer did cause said notice to be published for a period of four consecutive weeks in the Caliente News, a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of said stream system.

That at the time named in said Notice, or on October 15, 1921, the State Engineer did commence the taking of proofs as stated in said notice and did receive and file in his office various statements and proofs of claims, under the oath of the claimants, during all of the period of sixty days ending on the 15th day of December, 1921.

That he did, in addition, extend the time for filing proofs of claims, by Notice dated December 14, 1921, up to and

including March 15, 1922; and again, by Notice dated March 15, 1922, up to and including June 15, 1922; and still again by Notice dated May 27, 1922, up to and including June 25, 1922.

That as soon as practicable after the expiration of the extended period within which proofs of claims might be filed with him he did proceed to and did in fact thereafter prepare and certify, an Abstract of Claims, which bears no date, and caused the same to be typed in his office.

That immediately after preparing, certifying and causing said Abstract of Claims to be typed in his office, the State Engineer did also prepare from the proofs and evidence taken or given before or obtained by him, a Preliminary Order of Determination, dated October 1, 1925, establishing the several rights of Claimants to the waters of the said stream system, which Preliminary Order he caused to be printed in the State Printing Office.

That, when said Abstract of Claims and Preliminary Order of Determination were completed, the State Engineer did then prepare a Notice, dated December 15, 1925, fixing and setting a period of twenty days, beginning on Monday, January 25, 1926, when the evidence taken by or filed with him and the proofs of claims would be open to inspection of all interested parties at his office at Carson City, Nevada; which Notice was deemed an Order of the State Engineer as to the matter contained therein.

That a copy of said Notice, together with a copy of the typewritten Abstract of Claims and a printed copy of the Preliminary Order of Determination were enclosed in envelopes with the postage thereon fully prepaid, addressed to each of the persons who had theretofore appeared and filed proofs of claims, at his or her correct address and on the 15th day of December, 1925, all of said envelopes with their contents and addressed as aforesaid were, by the State Engineer, placed in the United States

Post Office at Carson City, Nevada, and caused to be registered before mailing, with a request that return receipts be forwarded to him at his office at Carson City, Nevada. Thus the aforesaid Notice of Inspection, Abstract of Claims and Preliminary Order of Determination were sent by registered mail at least thirty days prior to the first day of the inspection period to each person who had appeared and filed proof of claims.

That the State Engineer, personally or through his authorized assistants, was present throughout the time and at the place designated in said above described Notice of Inspection, and did allow during said twenty day period of inspection, all persons interested to inspect such evidence and proofs as had been filed with or taken by him in connection with the proceedings of Determination of the Relative Rights.

That, for a period of thirty days after the time of opening all evidence and proofs for public inspection as here-inabove described, the State Engineer did receive and officially file in his records, all objections to any finding, part or portion of the Preliminary Order of Determination made by the State Engineer submitted by any persons claiming any interest in the stream system involved either under vested right or under

permit from the State Engineer. All such objections received were verified by the affidavit of the objector or his agent or attorney and stated with reasonable certainty the grounds of objection.

That the State Engineer did thereafter prepare a Notice, fixing a time and place for hearing objections, which was sent by registered mail, in the usual manner, to each claimant whose name appeared in the Preliminary Order of Determination, in ample time for its delivery at least thirty days prior to the date set for said hearing.

That at the time and place named in the Notice last above mentioned, the State Engineer did commence the hearing of objections theretofore filed with him and did continue such hearings until hearings were had on all such objections. The evidence taken at such hearings was confined to the subjects enumerated in the objections and Preliminary Order of Determination.

That as soon as practicable after hearing objections to the Preliminary Order of Determination, the State Engineer did make, under date of April 21, 1926, and cause to be entered of record in his office, an Order of Determination defining the several rights to the waters of the stream system and caused the same to be printed in the State Printing Office at Carson City, Nevada. The State Engineer thereupon delivered in person, or by registered mail, in the usual manner, a certified copy of said Order of Determination to each person who had filed proof of claim or had become interested in the proceedings through intervention or their filing objections under the provision of sections 26 to 29 of the Water Code of Nevada.

As soon as practicable thereafter the State Engineer did file with the Clerk of the Tenth Judicial District Court at Pioche, Nevada, a certified copy of the Order of Determination together with all of the original evidence and transcript of testimony filed with or taken before the State Engineer, duly certified by him.

That upon the filing of such certified copy of said Order, evidence and transcript with the Clerk of the Court, the State Engineer did request an order from said Court setting the time for hearing on the Order of Determination, which order is contained in the minutes of this Court. The Clerk of the Court thereupon immediately furnished a certified copy thereof to the State Engineer, who thereupon mailed a copy of such certi-

fied Order of the Court, by registered mail and in the usual manner, addressed to each party in interest at his last known place of residence.

That the State Engineer did also cause said Order of Court setting time for hearing on June 21, 1927, to be published at least once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Lincoln County Record, a newspaper of general circulation within the boundaries of the Pahranagat Lake stream system.

That at least five days prior to the date set for hearing, all exceptions to the Order of Determination were received and duly filed by the Clerk of this Court.

That on the 22nd day of August, 1929, Deputy State
Engineer G. F. Engle prepared an Affidavit of Compliance with
Jurisdictional Requisites in connection with the proceedings,
which affidavit was duly filed with the Clerk of this Court and
now appears in the records thereof.

That said cause was, on the 21st day of June, 1927, heard before this Court, and the claimants and exceptors having presented their evidence, both oral and documentary, to the Court, and the Court having heard the witnesses sworn and examined on behalf of the claimants and exceptors and of the State, and the cause having been submitted to the Court for decision, and the Court having rendered its written decision thereon, and having made and filed its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, as follows, to-wit:

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That except such persons as may have acquired rights to the use of the water of Pahranagat Lake Stream System by Permits granted under applications to the State Engineer under and by virtue of the Statutes of 1905, Chapter 46, the Statutes of 1907, page 30, and under and by virtue of Chapter 140, Statutes of 1913, as amended, no person other than the parties named herein

have or claim any interest in or to said water or in or to the use of water or any part thereof.

II

That the following claimants and their successors in interest have and are hereby awarded the right to use the waters of Pahranagat Lake and its tributaries at the following times, in the following amounts, upon the following described lands, through the following ditches, conduits, or other means of conveyance, and of the following relative priorities:

Claimant - J. L. SHARP

Proof No. 01354

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Source - ASH SPRINGS.

Ditch - BROWN, SHARP BROS., RICHARD and WEDGE.

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1875 1875			NET NET	19 19		61 61	3-14-10-		
1875	5.00	•	SEL NEL	19	6	61	3-14-10- 3-14-10-		20.00
1875 1875			NET SWI	19	6	61	3-14-10-	L 0.030	12.00
1875			NW SET	19 19	6 6	61 61	3-14-10- 3 3-14-10-	l 0.280 l 0.150	112.00
1875			swłseł	19	6	61	3-14-10-		<pre>60.00 136.00</pre>
1875 1875			SEE SEE	19	6	61	3-14-10- 3	L 0.320	128.00
1876			NW NE	30 30	6 6	61 61	3-14-10- 3 3-14-10- 3		92.00
1876	26.00		SW NE	30	6	61	3-14-10-]		<pre>/ 132.00 / 104.00</pre>
1895			SET NET	30	6	61	3-14-10- 1	0.280	112.00
1876 1895			NET NET	30 30	6 6	61		0.060	24.00
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Source	36 _. – .	ASH SPR	ING CREEK.	D	itch	- ALAM	O CANAL		
1885	22.00		neł nwł	5	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.220	88.00
1884 1883	18.00		NET NW	5	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.180	72.00
1882	15.00 4.50		SET NWT SWT NET	5 5	7	61			60.00
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1872	17.00		set NW	25	5	60	3-14-10- 1	0 170	60.0 0
1872	3.80		SET NAT	25	5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.170 0.038	68.00 15.20
1872 1872	16.00		SWI NWI	25	5	80	5-14-10- 1	0.160	64.00
1872	26.00 12.00		NW SWI	25 25	5 5	60 60	3-14-10- 1	0.260	104.00
1872	32.70		NET SWI	25	5	60	3-14-10- 1 2-14-10- 1	0.120 0.327	48.00 130.80
1872	3.00		neį swį	25	5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.030	12.00
1872 1872	29.00		SW SW	25	5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.290	116.00
1872	1.00 34.00		SWL SWL	25 25	5 5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.010	4.00
1872	3.60		SE SW	25 25	5	60 60	3-14-10- 1 3-14-10- 1	0.340 0.036	136.00 14.40
1885		1.00	NW SEI	25	5		3-14- 6-22	0.010	2.00
1885 1885	14.50		SWI SEI	25	5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.145	58 .00 ′
1872	31.00 2.70		NET NAT	36 36	5 5		3-14-10- 1	0.310	124.00
1872	34.50		NET NUT	36.	5		3-14-10- 1 3-14-10- 1	0.027 0.345	10.80
1872	3.80		NET NAT	36	5		3-14-10- 1	0.038	138.00 15.20
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Source - ASH SPRINGS. Ditch - ASH SPRING CHANNEL.

	Cultur	e-Agres	Lo	catio	n		Duty of Water		
Year	Har-	Diver-					Length		
Pri-	vest	sified	Subdi-	a	m a	Yo 191	οÎ		A 954
ority	Crops	Pasture	Vision	Sec.	Tp.S.	K.E.	Season	C.F.S.	Acre-Ft.
1872	• • • •	1.40	SEL NEL	21	7	61	3-14- 6-82	0.014	2.80
	10.40		SET NET	21	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.104	41.60
1872 1872	6.20 17.70	•	SET NET	21 21	7 7	61 61	3-14-10- 1 3-14-10- 1	0.062	24.60 70.80
1872	3.80	. ,	SEI NEI	21	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.035	14.00
1873 1873	1.50	3,80	NET NET	21	7	61	3-14- 6-22	0.038	7.60
1872	1.00	5.20	NET NET	21 22	. 7 7	61 61	3-14-10- 1 3-14- 6-28	0.015	6.00 10.40
1878	0.70		SW NW	22	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.007	2.80
1872	0.90	• .	SW NE	21	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.009	3,60
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Claims	ant (* M	ARY A.	CASTLES				Proof	No. 017	765
Source	• + H	IKO SPR	ING.	D1	tch -	CASTL	ES and HIKO	м. & м.	. co.
1884	10.00		NW SE	14	4	60	3-14-10- 1	0.100	40.00
1884 1884	13.00		SW1 SE1 NE1 SW1	14 14	4 4	60	3-14-10- 1 3-14-10- 1	0.130	52.00
1884	••••	10.45	NET SWI	14	4	60 60	3-14-6-22	0.038	15.20 20.90
1884	8.00		SET SWT	14	4	60	3-14-10- 1	0.080	32.00
1884	7.00	.: 65 60	SET SW	14	4	60	3-14-10- 1	0.070	28.00
1884 1884	3.25	25.00	SET SWI	14 23	4	60	3-14- 6-22		50.00
1884		9.25	NW NW	23	4	60 60	3-14-10- 1 3-14- 6-22	0.033	13.00 18.50
1884	10.00		NE NW	23	4	60	3-14-10- 1	0.100	40.00
1884	****	29.00	NET NWT	23	4	60	3-14- 6-22	0.290	58.00
1884 1905	4.00	3.10	NWI SWI	14 14	4 4	60	3-14-10- 1	0.040	16.00
1884	0.75	3.10	NET SWI	14	4	60 60	3-14-6-22 3-14-10-1	0.031	6.20 3.00
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1872	4.48		NET SWE	14	4	60	3-14-10- 1	0.045	17.92
1872	6.81		NW SEE	14	4		3-14-10- 1		27.24
1872	2.08		SM! NE!	14	4		3-14-10- 1	0.021	8.32
1885	3.72		net swi	14	4	60	3-14-10- 1	0.037	14.88
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Claima	nt - J	. L. SHA	RP				Proof	No. 017	89
Souroe	- As	SH SPRIN	G.	Dit	ch - S	BHARP	and McCLANE	•	* •
	35.00		SEA SEA	21	7		3-14-10- 1	0.350	140.00
	35.00		NET SET	21	7		3-14-10- 1	0.350	140.00
1870 1870	25.00 5.00		SWI SWI	22 22	7 7		3-14-10- 1 2-14-10- 1	0.250 0.050	20.00
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Source - ASH SPRINGS.

Ditch - 0, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7

Year	Cultu	re-Acres]	Locat:	lon		•	Duty o	f Water
of	Her-	Diver-					Length		
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0410	y Crops	Pasture	vision	800.	Tp.S.	R.E	. Season	C.F.S.	Acre-Ft.
1885		24.20	NET NET	1	6	60	3-14- 6-22	0.248	48.40
1885	9.50		NET NET	1	6	60	3-14-10- 1		37.20
1885		10.00	SET NET	1	6	60	3-14- 6-22	0.100	20.00
1904 1904			SE NE	1	6	60	3-14-10- 1	0.013	5.20
1901			NET SET	1	6	60	3-14-10- 1		38.00
1901		25.00	NET NET	12 12	6	60	3-14-10- 1		41.20
1901		40.00	SET NET	12	6	60 60	3-14- 6-22 3-14- 6-22	0.250	50.00
1901		23.00	NET SET	12	ĕ	60	3-14- 6-88	0.400 0.230	80.00
1900			ne{ se}	12	ő	60	3-14-10- 1	0.060	46.00 24.00
1900		13.60	NAT NAT	7	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.136	27.20
1900 1900	****	7.70	SET NW	7	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.077	15.40
1900		11.00	NET SWI	7	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.110	22.00
1895	• • • •	2.50 2.00	NWI NWI	7	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.025	5.00
1890		3.00	SEL NWI	7 7	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.020	4.00
1895		37.39	SWI NWI	7	6	61 61	3-14- 6-22 3-14- 6-22	0.030	6.00
1895		24.00	NW SW	Ź	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.37 <u>4</u> 0.240	74.78
1900	13.50		NW SWI	7	6	61	3-14-10-1	0.135	48.00 54.00
1904		13.00	Sei Swi	7	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.130	26.00
1895	• • • •	24,50	SE SW	7	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.245	49.00
1895 1895	* * * *	33.90	SW SW	7	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.339	67.80
1895	9.00	30.60	NWI NWI	18	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.306	61.20
1895	9.00	• • • • .	NET NWI	18	6	61	3-14-10- 1	0.090	36.00
1904	****	27.50	NET NWT	18 18	6 6	61	3-14-10- 1	0.090	36.00
1904		31.00	SET NWI	18	. 6	61 61	3-14- 6-22 3-14- 6-22	0.275	55.00
1900	2.50	••••	SEA SEA	12	6	61	3-14-10- 1	0.310 0.025	62.00
1901		10.50	SE SEL	12	ě	61	3-14-6-22	0.105	10.00 21.00
1901	*** * *	2.50	NET NET	13	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.025	5.00
1890		10.00	SET NET	1	6	60	3-14- 6-22	0.100	20.00
1904	5.00		NET SWI	1	6	60	3-14-10- 1	0.050	20.00
1904	* • • •		SWI NWI	18	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.260	52.00
T-0#	79.60		SWY NEW	18	6	61	3-14- 6-22	0.140	28.00 🔑
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1900	•.••	1.60	Lot 4	2	8	61	3-14- 6-22	0.016	3.20
1900		15.00	Lot 1	3	8	61	3-14- 6-22	0.150	30.00
1900	· • • •		SWA NWA	2	8	61	3-14- 6-22	0.118	23.62
1900	14 00		NW SVI	2	8	61	3-14- 6-22	0.092	18.46
1905 1895	16.00	* * * * *	SWI NWI	ij	8	61	3-14-10- 1	0.160	64.00
1904	15.00 2.31	• • • •	SWI NWI SEI NEI	11	8	61	3-14-10- 1	0.150	60.00
1900	31.80		Set net NWT Svi	10	8	61	3-14-10- 1	0.023	9.24
1900	16.63		NE SEL	11 10	8 8	61 61		0.318	127.20
1900	6.00		SEI SEI	10	8		3-14-10- 1 3-14-10- 1	0.166 0.060	66.52
1880		10.00	SEL SEL	ĩo	8		3-14- 6-22	0.100	24.00 20.00
1900	6.00		SWI SWI	īi	ě		3-14-10-1	0.060	24.00
1880		34.00	3W} SW{	11	8		3-14- 6-22	0.340	68.00
1885	• • • •		SEA SWA	11	8	61	3-14- 6-22	0.400	80.00
1885	• • • •	40.00	AET NAT	14	8		3-14- 6-22	0.400	80.00

Year	Culture-Acres		Location					Duty of Water	
of Pri- ority	Har- vest Crops	Diver- sified Pasture	Subdi- vision	Sec.	Tp.S.	R.E.	Length of Season	c.r.s.	Acre-Ft.
1880 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1890 1895 1895		40.00 40.00 7.00 7.50 40.00 40.00 40.00 56.00 40.00	NWI NWI SET NET SET NE	14 14 14 14 14 14 23 23 23	8888888888888	61 61 61 61 61 61 61 61 61	3-14- 6-22 3-14- 6-22	0.400 0.400 0.400 0.070 0.075 0.400 0.400 0.400 0.400 0.400	80.00 80.00 80.00 14.00 15.00 80.00 80.00 80.00 72.00 80.00

** Reservoir is filled with winter flow of Ash and Crystal Springs, from October 1 to March 14, and the water used on the above areas according to the tabulated length of season.

Claimant - GARDNER RANCH CO.

Proof No. 01794

Sour	30 - * -	CRYSTAL	SPRING	S	Ditch	- 1,	2, 3, 4, 5,	6, 7, 8	and 9.
1900	4	4.00	Mari N	7101. 5 A.					
1900		6.30		TE 14 TE 14	5	6(8.00
1875	10.00					80			12.60
1867	4, 50				5	60			40.00
1875	2.80				5	60			18.00
1880	14.80		-	W 14	5	60	·	•	11.20
1900		6.00		W 14	5	60			59.20
1880	* * * *	3.00			5	60			16.00
1880	• • • •				5	60			6.00
1885	18.00	20.00			5	60			40.00
1880	37.00			W1 14	5	60			72.00
1895	20.00	• • • •		W 14	5	60			148.00
1895		3.00		E 1 14	5	60		0.200	80.00
1895	32.00				5	60		0.030	6.00
1895		1 90		E 14	5	60		0.320	128.00
1900	* * * *	1.30		E 14	5	60		0.013	2.60
1895	• • • •	10.00		H1 14	5	60		0.100	20.00
1885	* * * *	6.30		E 14	5	60		0.063	12.60
1867		2.00		W 14	5	60		0.020	4.00
1880	• • • •	2.00		W 14	5	60		0.020	4.00
-	* * * *	3.00		W 2	5	60		0.030	6.00
1880	* * * *	27.00		E-1 3	5	60		0.270	54.00
1875	= 00	8.00		E 10	5	60		0.080	16.00
1880	5.00	* * * *		10	5	60		0.050	20.00
1880	5.00	• • • •		11	5	60		0.050	20.00
1885	5.30	* • • •	SW & ST		5	60		0.053	21.20
1885	12.50	10.00		11	. 5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.125	50.00
1900	• • • •	18.00	SWI SV	-	5	60	3-14- 6-22	0.180	
1900		10.00	SEA SV		5	60	3-14- 6-22	0.100	20.00
1870	23.50	* * * *	SEA SI		5	60	3-14-10-1	0.235	94.00
1870	5.20		NET NI		5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.052	20.80
1875	14.00	• • • •	NAT NA		5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.140	56.00
1890		9,00	nm kmu		5	60	3-14- 6-22	0.090	18.00
1890		31770	NET N		5	60	3-14- 6-22	0.317	63.40
1900	• • • •	8.30	NE N	没 14	5	60	3-14- 6-22	0.083	16,60

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···	Cultu	re-Acres	I	ocati	on			Duty o	f Water
Year of Pri- ority	Har- vest Crops	Diver- sified Pasture	Subdi- vision	Sec.	Tp.S.	R.E.	Length of Season	C.F.S.	Acre-Ft.
1890 1890 1890 1895 1895 1895 1895 1870 1870 1867 1875 1885	17.00 29.00 9.30 3.20 28.80 5.60 4.80 7.00 5.00 1.00 10.00 10.00 2.40 14.00		SEE	36 36 36 36 1 1 10 11 10 15 14 (Se	5 5 5 5 5 6 6 6 8 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60	3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1	0.056 0.048 0.070 0.050 0.050 0.010 0.100 0.100 0.024	68.00 116.00 37.20 12.60 115.20 42.80 22.40 19.20 28.00 20.00 4.00 40.00 40.00 9.60 56.00
Claims	ant - C	ARDNER F	RANCH CO.				Proof No.	01794	,

Source - CRYSTAI	L SPRING.	Ditch - 1 and 2.					
1870 31.00 1870 28.00 1870 37.00 1870 7.00 1870 4.00 1870 4.00	Seł Swł Swł Swł Nwł Nwł 1	2 5 2 5 2 5 1 5 3 5	60 3-14-10- 60 3-14-10- 60 3-14-10- 60 3-14-10- 60 3-14-10-	0.280 0.370 0.070 0.040	124.00 112.00 148.00 28.00 16.00		

Note: -- These areas, once highly cultivated but at present inundated, shall receive the above tabulated classification when drained.

Claiment - G. EDGAR NESBITT Proof No. 01796 - HIKO SPRING. Source Ditch - CLAPP DITCH. 1888 12.80 SW NW 23 60 3-14-10- 1 0.128 51.20 1888 6.00 SEL NW 23 4 3-14-10- 1 60 0.060 24.00 1888 1.30 SWI NWI 23 4 60 3-14-10- 1 0.013 5.20 NW SW 1888 2.00 23 4 0.020 60 3-14-10-8.00 NW SWI 1888 20.22 23 4 60 3-14-10-0.202 80.88 1888 11.30 23 4 60 3-14-10-0.113 45.20 4.20 1888 SWZ SWZ 23 4 60 3-14-10- 1 0.042 16.80 SWI SWI 2.70 1888 23 4 60 3-14-10- 1 10.80 0.027 1888 28.80 23 4 60 3-14- 6-22 0.288 57.60 NET SWI SEI SWI SWI SWI 1888 23.57 23 4 60 3-14- 6-22 0.236 47.14 1888 11.27 23 4 60 3-14- 6-22 0.113 22.54 1888 10.50 23 4 60 3-14- 6-22 0.105 21.00

Note: -- Claimant Schofield, successor of John Roeder, is awarded by the terms of Decree No. ____, filed in Lincoln County, , as evidenced by the Decision in "John Roeder, Plaintiff, v. Charles Stein, Defendant," filed in Lincoln County, February 6, 1893, prior right to irrigate 125 acres of land with water from Hiko Spring.

Claimant G. Edgar Nesbitt, successor of Charles Stein, awarded next succeeding priority to irrigate 40 acres of land with water from Miko Spring. The Decree is binding between said parties thereto, and the water shall be so distributed in the event of a diminishing flow reaching such a low quantity as to be less than that amount necessary to irrigate the total acreage of both parties as described in the final order of determination.

Claimant - JAMES CASTLES

Proof No. 01797

Source - HIKO SPRING

Ditch - J. CASTLES, HIKO M. & M. CO.

V	Culture-Acres			Location					Water	
Year of Pri- ority	Har- vest Crops	Diver- sified Pasture	Sub vis:		Sec.	Tp.S.	R.E.	Length of Season	C.F.S.	Acre-Ft
1878	10.00		NE	SW½	14	4	60	3-14-10- 1	0.100	40.00
Claim	ant - 1	4. F., W	. v.	and	W. J.	SCHOF	IELD	Proof No.	01798	
Soure	e - I	IIKO SPR	ING .		D1 1	oh -	F ERGU	SON and HIK	O LAKE	·
1885 1885 1885 1885 1885 1873 1885 1873 1873 1873 1873 1873 1873 1873	1.00 13.00 13.50 5.50 4.00 3.50 5.50 8.00 32.00 25.00 15.00 6.00 5.00	80.00	NET SET NWT SWT NET	EEEEE WWW.WWW.WWW.WWW.WWW.WWW.WWW.WWW.WW	34444555555555555222355555222	44444444444445555	60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60 60	3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1 3-14-10-1	0.010 0.130 0.135 0.055 0.040 0.035 0.055 0.080 0.120 0.150 0.150 0.060 0.050 0.125 0.200 0.100	4.00 52.00 54.00 22.00 16.00 14.00 22.00 128.00 128.00 60.00 100.00 20.00 50.00 40.00
1873	* * . * *	35.00 2.00		nw l ne l	2	5 5	60 60	3-14- 6-22 3-14- 6-22	0.350 0.020	70.00 4.00

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Claimant - W. F. THORNE

Proof No. 01799

Duty of Water

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Culture-Acres

Ditch - ALAMO CANAL

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of Pri- orit	Har-	Diver- sified Pasture	Sub Vis		Sec.	Tp.S.	R.E.	Length of Season	C.F.S.	Acre-Ft
1877	5.70		NW	NEŁ	8	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.057	22.80
1877	2.60		NE	NWI	ě	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.026	10.40
1877	2.20	•	SW	SE	5	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.028	8.80
1877	0.90		SE		5	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.009	3.60
		100		-					**	
Clair	mant - A	LAMO IRI	RIGAT	HOI	co.,	INC.	P	roof No. 018	308	
Sour	pe - 1	SH SPRI	703 (REKI	ζ.	Dit	oh -	ALAMO CANAL	EAST I	ITCH.
1881	30.00		NE l	NEŁ	17	7	61	3-14-10- 1		
1881	15.00		SE	NEI	17	ý	61	3-14-10- 1	0.3004	
1881	27.10		NWI	SW	16	ŕ	61	3-14-10- 1	0.150	
1881	9.50	• "	SE l	SW	16	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.271	
1827	2.50			NEI	- 6	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.025	
1877	12.10			SE	ĕ	ý	61	3-14-10- 1	0.121	
1881	31.00		7	SE	8	ż	61	3-14-10- 1	0.310	48.40 124.00
1880	22.50	- ,		NWI	16	Ż	61	3-14-10- 1	0.885	
1880	40.00			NWI	16	ÿ	61	3-14-10- 1	0.400	
1880		4.60		NW	16	7	61	3-14- 6-22	0.046	9.20
1880				swi	16	7	61	3-14- 6-22	0.290	
1880	9.00*			SEI	16	7	61	3-14-10-1	0.090	
1880	30.70			SE	16	7	61	3-14-10- 1		122.80
1868	30.10	;		SE l	5	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.301	
1868	4.00	-	NE F	sw i	5	7		3-14-10- 1		16.00
1868		6.80	NW± :	NE	8	7	61	3-14- 6-22	0.068	
1868	27.50		NW.	NE	8	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.275	
1868	40.00			NE	8	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.400	160.00
1868	40.00			se i	8	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.400	
1877	11.90			se i	5.	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.119	47.60
1877	1.50			SWi	5	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.015	6.00
1877	10.00			SW	5	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.100	40.00
1877	3,20		NE I :	NW ∑	8	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.032	12.80
1877				nw I	8	7	61	3-14- 6-22	0.260	52.00
1881	30.00			Se <u>i</u>	ඡ	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.300	120.00
1881	2.00			SW l	9	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.020	8.00
1881	3.50			S₩Ž	8	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.035	14.00
1881	2.00	•	nw£]	ne i	17	7	61	3-14-10- 1	0.020	8.00

Location

Claimant - A. W. GEER

Proof No. 01825

	Source	e ,- 0	RYSTAL	SPRINGS	3.	D11	tch -	A. W. GEER.		
3	1866	26.70		SE l Se	14 14	5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.267	106.80
	1866	9.40		SW1 SE	注 14	5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.094	37.60
	1866		30.60	SW{ SI	½ 14	5		3-14- 6-22		
	1867	39.10		NET NE	½ 23	5	60	3-14-10- 1	0.391	156.40

^{*} Note: - These areas, long under cultivation but classified as "Meadow Pasture" in the Preliminary Order, have been ordered drained and when so drained assume their original status of cultivated land.

⁻⁻ Lands of C. A. Koyen.

A. W. GEER - Continued

Culture-Acres Location	Duty of Water
Year of Har- Diver-	igth
Pri- vest sified Subdi-	of
ority Crops Pasture vision Sec. TP.S. R.E. Se	son C.F.S. Acre-Ft.
	4-10-1 0.400 160.00
	4-10-1 0.117 46.80
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	4-6-22 0.400 80.00
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received the company of the company	4-6-22 0.234 46.80 4-10-1 0.060 24.00
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	4- 6-22, 0.015 3.00 4- 6-22, 0.249 49.60
	4- 6-22 0.040 8.00 4- 6-22 0.120 24.00
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	4-10-1 0.175 70.00 4-10-1 0.054 21.60
1867 5.40 SW NW 24 5 60 3-	
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Claimant - A. W. GEER Pro	f No. 01825
Source - CRYSTAL SPRINGS Ditch - THIRI	T.
1872 27.50 SW1 NE1 36 5 60 3-	4- 6-22 0.275 55.00
	4- 6-22 0.400 80.00
	4- 6-22 0.380 76.00
	4- 6-22 0.246 49.20
1872 7.60 NET SET 36 5 60 3-	

III

Each water user on the Pahranagat Lake and tributaries shall install and maintain substantial headgates and weirs in his ditches, which shall be approved by the State Engineer and shall be installed at such place or places as the State Engineer shall designate.

Diversions are to be made at the point where the main diverting channel enters or becomes adjacent to the land to be irrigated, or as near thereto as practicable. The users of water on said Pahranagat. Lake and tributaries shall take and use the water allotted to them in continuous flow or in periodic rotation, as the State Engineer shall from time to time determine.

Subject to Section 36a of the Water Code of Nevada as amended, the beginning and end of the irrigation season shall be as defined in this Decree except when climatic conditions are such that irrigation is not in accordance with good husbandry and actual beneficial use of water. The State Engineer shall then determine, by examination, the beginning of the irrigation season and shall set the date, giving notice to all water users on said stream system. The setting of this date shall be for the sole purpose of administration and the distribution of water of the Pahranagat Lake and tributaries in accordance with this Decree.

V

The Court hereby Orders, Adjudges, and Decrees, that each and every Water User of the Pahranagat Lake and tributaries and each of their agents, attorneys, servants and employees, and their successors in interest and all and every person or persons acting in aid or assistance of the said parties or either of or any of them be, and that each of them is hereby perpetually enjoined and restrained as follows. to-wit:

- (a) From at any time diverting or using or preventing or obstructing the flow in whole or in part in and along its natural channel or any of the water of the Pahranagat Lake and tributaries hereinbefore mentioned, except to the extent and in the amount and in the manner and at the time or times set by this decree to such respective party hereto allotted, allowed, prescribed and determined, or allowed by permits which have been or may hereafter be granted by the State Engineer of the State of Nevada.
- (b) From diverting from the natural channel and from using any of the said water for irrigation or for any other purpose, in excess of the specific allotment herein set by this Decree, or in excess of the specific allotment under a Permit granted or that may hereafter be granted by the State Engineer of the State of Nevada.

- (c) From diverting from the natural channel and from using any of the said water in any other manner or for any other purpose or purposes or upon any other land or lands than as provided and prescribed by the terms of this Decree or by a Permit granted or that may hereafter be granted by the State Engineer of the State of Nevada.
- (d) From diverting from the natural channel and from using any of the said water at any other time or times than as specified and provided by the terms of this Decree or by a permit granted or that may hereafter be granted by the State Engineer of the State of Nevada.
- (e) From in any manner meddling with, opening, closing, changing, injuring, or interfering with any head-gates, weirs, water box, flume, or measuring device, placed, installed or established by the State Engineer or by his authority or direction, unless such act be done by the permission or authority of the water Commissioner, if during the period of his regulation or control of said water, or if not done during such period, then by virtue of the allowances, authority, terms and provisions of this Decree or by a Permit granted or that may hereafter be granted by the State Engineer of the State of Nevada.

Dated this 14th day of October, 1929

DISTRICT JUDGE

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Cir. 1967); Boyd v. Gardner, 377 F.2d 718 (4th Cir. 1967). There is absolutely no evidence in the record showing what jobs are available to a person with plaintiff's characteristics. Therefore, the hearing examiner's finding that there is gainful employment available to plaintiff is unsupported by any evidence and cannot be affirmed.

It is clear, then, that the evidence in this record, when analyzed under the guidelines set down in Thomas v. Celebrezze, supra, reveals that plaintiff is disabled within the meaning of the Social Security Act. The record overwhelmingly supports the conclusion that plaintiff's disabilities preclude him from engaging in substantial gainful employment as defined under the Act and the hearing examiner's conclusions to the contrary are unsupported by substantial evidence.

The determination of the Secretary is overruled and the Clerk is directed to enter judgment for the plaintiff.

And it is so ordered.



UNITED STATES of America, Plaintiff,

v.

George W. HENNEN, State Engineer for the State of Nevada, et al., Defendants.

Civ. No. LV-927.

United States District Court
D. Nevada.
May 2, 1968.

Action by United States attacking correction of state water rights decree, and to enjoin enforcement and quiet title to certain rights. On cross-motions for summary judgment, the District Court, Roger D. Foley, J., held that the state court correction proceeding was not a suit for adjudication of water rights,

within statute waiving sovereign immunity in such cases, but was a suit for administration of adjudicated rights, within the waiver.

Judgment for defendants.

1. Evidence ⇐=43(4)

Federal district court in United States' action attacking proceeding to amend decree in state water rights case took judicial notice of all files and records in state case.

2. United States €125(2, 5)

Only Congress can waive sovereign immunity, and dereliction of counsel for government is not a waiver.

3. Waters and Water Courses \$\iins128\frac{1}{2}\$

There is no body of federal water law, and United States' rights in Nevada water must be determined by Nevada law.

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4. United States @125(6)

Acts of Congress waiving sovereign immunity are strictly construed.

5. Action €=16

Where liability and remedy are created by statute, limitation of remedy is a limitation of the right.

6. United States €=131

Terms of consent of Congress to be sued in any court define that court's jurisdiction to entertain suit.

7. United States €=125(22)

Under statute permitting suit against United States for adjudication of rights to use of water, adjudication must be general and encompass all water claimants. 43 U.S.C.A. § 666(a) (1).

State court proceeding for nunc pro tunc correction of water rights decree was not a suit for adjudication of rights to use of water within statute waiving sovereign immunity. 43 U.S.C.A. § 666 (a) (1).

9. United States €125(22)

State court proceeding for nunc pro tunc amendment of water rights decree was a suit for administration of water Cite as 300 F.Supp. 256 (1968)

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10. Judgment ©=855(1)

To "administer" a decree is to execute it, to enforce its provisions, to resolve conflicts as to its meaning, to construe and to interpret its language.

See publication Words and Phrases for other judicial constructions and definitions.

11. Judgment © 828(3.49)

Decision of Nevada Supreme Court that omissions from water rights decree were clerical errors, subject to nunc pro tunc correction, was res judicata barring United States' action attacking the correction.

Joseph L. Ward, U. S. Atty., Las Vegas, Nev., Martin Green, U. S. Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C., for plaintiff.

Harvey Dickerson, Atty. Gen. for State of Nevada, Carson City, Nev., Singleton, De Lanoy & Jemison, Las Vegas, Nev., Gray, Horton & Hill, Reno, Nev., for defendants.

OPINION

ROGER D. FOLEY, District Judge.

This action has been submitted for decision to the Court upon cross-motions for summary judgment, pursuant to Rule 56, F.R.Civ.P., the parties having presented points and authorities and evidence in support of their respective motions.

[1] In 1919, a proceeding was initiated under what is now codified as Chapter 533 of Nevada Revised Statutes, for the determination of relative rights in and to the waters of Pahranagat Lake and its tributaries in Lincoln County, Nevada. In accordance with said statute, the State Engineer made an investigation of the stream system and took proofs of the various claims thereto. From the proofs and evidence taken or given be-

fore him, the State Engineer prepared a preliminary Order of Determination, establishing the several rights of claimants to waters of the stream system. After hearing objections to said preliminary Order of Determination, and in accordance with said statute, the State Engineer prepared an Order of Determination, and on March 10, 1927, filed it with the District Court of Nevada, in and for Lincoln County, and thus, commenced Case No. 3160 1 in said State Court, entitled "In the Matter of the Determination of the Relative Rights in and to Waters of Pahranagat Lake and its Tributaries in Lincoln County, State of Nevada".

Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Order of Determination read as follows:

"6. That in addition to water used during the irrigating season each user shall be entitled to divert sufficient water for stock and domestic purposes, the amount diverted not to exceed a flow of 0.025 of a cubic foot per second at each point of use, such diversion to be made during the nonirrigating season, subject to the provisions of paragraph 3. The point of measurement of stock water shall be at the same point as selected and approved by the State Engineer for the measurement of irrigation water.

"7. That in addition to the water allowed for irrigation, stock and domestic purposes, each user in his proper proportion and priority shall also be entitled to an economical bimonthly diversion of water for washing mineral salts from his land; such diversion to be permitted from October 1 to March 14 of each year in accordance with custom long prevailing."

The State Engineer procured an order of said State Court, setting the hearing of said Order of Determination for June 21, 1927, and duly noticed all claimants according to said statute. On June 21, 1927, certain exceptions having been taken and evidence received, and the Court having made certain corrections

^{1.} This Court takes judicial notice of all of the files and records in said Case No. 3160. 300 F.Supp.—17

not here involved, a minute order was entered directing that a decree be entered in accordance with the Order of Determination of the State Engineer.² The State Engineer prepared and the Court entered a formal decree on October 14, 1929, which substantially followed the Order of Determination except that paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Order of Determination were omitted from the decree.

One of the claimants whose rights were adjudicated in said suit was Gardner Ranch Company. In August, 1963, Plain-

2. The minutes of the Court read in full as follows:

"Court convened pursuant to rescess June 21st A.D. 1927. Wm. F. Orr District Judge presiding and all other officers of the Court present.

"IN THE MATTER OF THE DETER-MINATION AND ADJUDICATION OF WATERS OF PAHARANAGAT LAKE AND TRIBUTARIES

"The above entitled matter came on regularly for hearing before the Court June 21, A.D. 1927. The STate Engineer was in Court ready to proceed with said Hearing and for the submission of such proofs as was necessary. Will Schofield and Merle Scholfield were in Court having filed execeptions to the Order of the State Engineer so so filed.

Proof of service admitted and filed.

Affidavit of Publication admitted and filed.

The Court ordered that the correction by the State Engineer of the Preliminary Order of Determination. Page 5 line 7. Claimant W. H. Sharp be allowed. It was further ordered that the correction by the State Engineer of the of the Order of Determination, page 6 line 13, Claimant W. H. Sharp be allowed. The Court having heard all of the evidence, ORDERED that the protests be denied. IT WAS FURTHER ORDERED by the Court that a Decree be entered affirming the Determination and Adjudication of the Waters of Paharanagat Lake and Tributaries as made by the State Engineer."

3. In Alamo Irrigation Co. v. United States, 1965, 81 Nev. 390, at 394, 404 P.2d 5, at 7, the Court states:

"NRCP 60(a) states: 'Clerical mistakes in judgments, orders or other parts of the record and errors therein arising from oversight or omission may be corrected by the court at any time of its own initiative or on the motion of any

tiff, United States of America, acquired lands and water rights formerly owned by the Gardner Ranch Company. In March, 1964, most, if not all, of the water users, or their successors in interest, along the stream system filed a motion in said Case No. 3160 to correct the decree nunc pro tunc as of the date of its entry, October 14, 1929, pursuant to Rule 60, Nevada Rules of Civil Procedure. The United States of America was served with said motion as provided in Title 43, U.S.C. § 666.4 At the hearing

party and after such notice, if any, as the court orders. * * * * Sparrow & Trench v. Strong, 2 Nev. 362, 366; Ex parte Breckenridge, 34 Nev. 275, 280, 118 P. 687, overruled on another point; Lindsay v. Lindsay, 52 Nev. 26, 33-34, 280 P. 95, 67 A.L.R. 824; Brockman v. Ullom, 52 Nev. 267, 268, 286 P. 417; Silva v. Second Judicial District Court, 57 Nev. 468, 474, 66 P.2d 422; Finley v. Finley, 65 Nev. 113, 119, 189 P.2d 334, 196 P.2d 766, overruled on another point; Iveson v. Second Judicial District Court, 66 Nev. 145, 152, 206 P.2d 755; Marble v. Wright, 77 Nev. 244, 248, 362 P.2d 265."

4. "§ 666. Suits for adjudication of water rights—Joinder of United States as defendant; costs

"(a) Consent is given to join the United States as a defendant in any suit (1) for the adjudication of rights to the use of water of a river system or other source, or (2) for the administration of such rights, where it appears that the United States is the owner of or is in the process of acquiring water rights by appropriation under State law, by purchase, by exchange, or otherwise, and the United States is a necessary party to such suit. The United States, when a party to any such suit, shall (1) be deemed to have waived any right to plead that the State laws are inapplicable or that the United States is not amenable thereto by reason of its sovereignty, and (2) shall be subject to the judgments, orders, and decrees of the court having jurisdiction, and may obtain review thereof, in the same manner and to the same extent as a private individual under like circumstances: Provided, That no judgment for costs shall be entered against the United States in any such suit.

"Services of summons
"(b) Summons or other process in any
such suit shall be served upon the Attor-

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of said motion, the United States appeared and raised the objection that the State Court was without jurisdiction on the grounds that the sovereign immunity of the United States had not been waived, that the proceeding to correct clerical error was not a suit for adjudication of rights to the use of water of the stream system or other source or for the administration of such rights under 43 U.S.C. § 666. The State Court found that it had jurisdiction over the United States, but denied the motion to correct the decree of 1929, holding that the omission of the two paragraphs was not clerical but judicial error.

[2] The Supreme Court of Nevada, on July 15, 1965, 81 Nev. 390, 404 P.2d 5, found the omissions to be clerical errors. The State District Court was reversed with instructions to correct the

ney General or his designated representative.

"Joinder in suits involving use of interstate streams by State

- "(c) Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the joinder of the United States in any suit or controversy in the Supreme Court of the United States involving the right of States to the use of the water of any interstate stream. July 10, 1952, c. 651, Title II, § 208(a)-(c), 66 Stat. 560."
- 5. The Nevada Supreme Court brushed aside the Government's contention that sovereign immunity had not been waived

decree so as to include paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Order of Determination and the said decree was corrected accordingly nunc pro tunc for October 14, 1929. Under mandate from the Nevada Supreme Court, the State District Court added paragraphs (f) and (g) to the decree. These paragraphs are identical in language with paragraphs 6 and 7 of the Order of Determination. The Government did not petition for certiorari to the United States Supreme Court from the decision of the Nevada Supreme Court.⁵

Thereafter, on March 2, 1966, the State Engineer issued an order implementing distribution of the waters of the stream system in accordance with paragraph (g) of the amended decree and gave due notice thereof to all claimants and water users on the stream system, including Plaintiff. No appeal was taken from the

in this case under § 666 on the narrow and technical ground that the United States had not cross appealed. This obviously was error. The Nevada Supreme Court should have decided whether or not the United States had waived sovereign immunity. Only the Congress can waive sovereign immunity. The dereliction of counsel for the Government does not constitute a waiver. United States v. United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., 309 U.S. 506, 60 S.Ct. 653, 84 L.Ed. 894 (1940). United States v. United States District Court, 9 Cir., 1953, 206 F.2d 303.

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

"IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF THE RELATIVE RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WATERS OF PAHRANAGAT LAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES IN LINCOLN COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA OF THE DECREE DATED OCTOBER 14, 1929 AS CORRECTED PURSUANT TO DECISION OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA OF JULY 15, 1965.

ORDER

"Paragraph (g) of Article V of the Decree allows that in addition to the water allowed for irrigation, stock and domestic purposes, each user in his proper proportion and priority shall be entitled to an economical bi-monthly diversion of water for washing mineral salts from his lands. Such diversion will be permitted from October 1st to March 14th each year in accordance with custom long prevailing.

"For the purpose of administering Paragraph (g) of Article V the State Engineer will follow the priorities, acreages and duty of water as set out in the De-

order of the State Engineer as is provided by Nevada law.

On June 20, 1966, this action was initiated by the United States to have both paragraphs (f) and (g) of the decree and the order of the State Engineer of March 2, 1966, declared null and void, to enjoin the enforcement of the added paragraphs and the State Engineer's order, to enjoin all of the named defendant water users from diverting water to the extent that such diversions might diminish or extinguish the flow into Pahranagat Lake of the water needed to satisfy the Plaintiff's water rights, and to quiet the title of the United States to specific adjudicated, as well as certificated, water rights.

This Court must decide whether or not, by the provisions of 43 U.S.C. § 666, Congress has waived the sovereign immunity of the United States and subjected the Government to the jurisdiction of the courts of Nevada in the proceedings begun in March of 1964 in Case No. 3160.

There are really two questions:

- 1. Were the Nevada proceedings a suit for the adjudication of rights to the use of water of a river system or other source within the meaning of 43 U.S.C. § 666(a) (1)?
- 2. Were such proceedings a suit for the administration of such rights within the meaning of 43 U.S.C. § 666(a) (2)?

This Court believes that the first question must be answered in the negative

and the second question, in the affirmative.

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QUESTION I

Both the Plaintiff and the Defendants agree that the proceedings begun by the State Engineer in 1919 and concluded in 1929 by the entry of the formal decree was a suit for the adjudication of water rights of a river system within the meaning of § 666(a) (1). Defendants urged that the entire proceedings through 1965. when the 1929 decree was amended nunc pro tunc was such an adjudication. The Government argues that the adjudication proceedings terminated in 1929. The Government concedes that its water rights are no better or no worse than the rights of its predecessors in interest and that Nevada water law controls.

[3] There is no body of Federal water law. United States v. Fallbrook Public Utility District, D.C., 165 F.Supp. 806, 831.

What rights the United States has and the extent thereof must be determined by the law of Nevada. California Oregon Power Co. v. Beaver Portland Cement Co., 295 U.S. 142, 55 S.Ct. 725, 79 L.Ed. 1356 (1985). United States v. Humboldt Lovelock Irr. Light & Power Co., 9 Cir., 1938, 97 F.2d 38.

[4-6] Acts of Congress waiving the sovereign immunity of the United States are strictly construed. The courts are confined to the letter of the statute waiving immunity. The liability and the rem-

cree. Claimants and their successors in interest will not be required to take or use the amount of water allotted to them on a continuous flow but may combine the same or any part thereof in rotation or periodic turn with the approval of the water commissioner and subject to the control of the State Engineer.

"Because of the limitation on the amount of water available for distribution, part of the priorities and lands that are listed in the Decree will receive their water during the months of October, December and February. The remainder of the priorities and lands not receiving their allotment during the above mentioned months will receive it during the months of November, January and March. The attached schedules are for the guidance of the water commissioner and can be altered with his consent.

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[7,8] It is clear from the cases dealing with the language of § 666(a) (1) that a suit for adjudication of rights to use of water of a river system or other source means precisely that and no more. The adjudication, that is, the determination of the relative rights, must be general and encompass all water claimants. Although, as conceded, the proceedings begun in 1919 and concluded in 1929 were adjudication proceedings contemplated by § 666(a) (1), the proceedings commenced thirty-five years later, in 1964, are not embraced within the language waiving immunity as found in § 666(a) (1). People of State of California v. United States, 9 Cir., 1956, 235 F.2d 647; Miller v. Jennings, 5 Cir., 1957, 243 F.2d 157; State of Nevada ex rel. Shamberger v. United States, 9 Cir., 1960, 279 F.2d 699. Dugan v. Rank, 372 U.S. 609, at 617, 83 S.Ct. 999, 10 L.Ed. 2d 15 (1963); State of California v. Rank, 9 Cir., 1961, 293 F.2d 340; Green River Adjudication v. United States, 1965, 17 Utah 2d 50, 404 P.2d 251; Turner v. Kings River Conservation District, 9 Cir., 1966, 360 F.2d 184.

QUESTION II

[9] However, it appears to this Court that the court proceedings begun in 1964, after the United States had acquired the Gardner Ranch and water rights, come within the purview of § 666(a) (2), that is, a suit for the administration of the water rights in a stream system previously adjudicated. It is believed that

this is a case of first impression. This Court has examined all of the cases cited by counsel and all other cases found as a result of its own reading treating 43 U.S.C. § 666.

Let us examine the legislative history of § 666. See the report of Senator McCarran of Nevada, Senate Report No. 755, 82d Congress, 1st Session. Pages 2-6 read in pertinent part:

"The doctrine of prior appropriation had its inception in the Western States early in the settlement of the West, being brought about by the arid and semi-arid character of such States. The doctrine that 'first in time is first in right' to the beneficial use of the water in the streams of such States first became the law of appropriation by custom and was later sanctioned by constitutional and legislative enactment in 11 of the Western States. Under the law sanctioning the doctrine of 'first in time is first in right,' vast quantities of land in these States, beginning back in the territorial days, was brought under cultivation through the courage and hard work of those who homesteaded or otherwise secured farm and ranch lands and made appropriations of water with which to make such lands productive. Litigation with respect to the water rights developed early in the history of the right to the use of water by appropriation. Down through the years the courts of the respective States marked out the pathway whereby order was instituted in lieu of chaos. Rights were established and all of this at the expense, trial, and labor of the pioneers of the West, without material aid from our United States Government until a much later time when irrigation projects were initiated by Congress through the Department of the Interior and later the Bureau of Reclamation. Even then Congress was most careful not to upset, in any way, the irrigation and water laws of the Western States * *

"It will be seen that in the Western States irrigation of the lands is essential to successful farming and ranching and failure by a landowner to receive the amount of water vested or adjudicated to him is likely to be fatal to his economic welfare.

"In the arid Western States, for more than 80 years, the law has been that the water above and beneath the surface of the ground belongs to the public, and the right to the use thereof is to be acquired from the State in which it is found, which State is vested with the primary control thereof.

"In 1877 the Congress, in the Desert Land Act of 1877 (19 Stat.L. 377, Ch. 107), severed the water from the land. and the effect of such statute was thereafter that the land should be patented by the United States separate and apart from the water and that all the nonnavigable water should be reserved for the use of the public under the laws of the States and Territories named in the act. This statute was construed by the Supreme Court of the United States in California-Oregon Power Co. v. Beaver Portland Cement Co. (295 U.S. 142 [55 S.Ct. 725, 79 L.Ed. 1356]), in which the Court, inter alia, held:

"Nothing we have said is meant to suggest that the act, as we construe it, has the effect of curtailing the power of the States affected to legislate in respect of waters and water rights as they deem wise in the public interest. What we hold is that following the act of 1877, if not before, all non-navigable waters then a part of the public domain became publici juris, subject to the plenary control of the designated States, including those since created out of the Territories named, with the right in each to determine for itself to what extent the rule of appropriation or the common law rule in respect of riparian rights should obtain. For since Congress cannot enforce either rule upon any State, Kansas v. Colorado (206 U.S. 46, 94 [27 S.Ct. 655, 51 L.Ed. 956]), the full power of choice must remain with the State.

"It is interesting to note what the Court said in a marginal note on page 164 of the opinion [295 U.S., on page 731 of 55 S.Ct.]:

"In this connection it is not without significance that Congress, since the passage of the Desert Land Act, has repeatedly recognized the supremacy of State law in respect to the acquisition of water for the reclamation of public lands of the United States and lands of its Indian wards.

"It is therefore settled that in the arid Western States the law of appropriation is the law governing the right to acquire, use, administer and protect the public waters as provided in each such State.

"It is most clear that where water rights have been adjudicated by a court and its final decree entered, or where such rights are in the course of adjudication by a court, the court adjudicating or having adjudicated such rights is the court possessing the jurisdiction to enter its orders and decrees with respect thereto and thereafter to enforce the same by appropriate proceedings. [Emphasis added.] In the administration of and the adjudication of water rights under State laws the State courts are vested with the jurisdiction necessary for the proper and efficient disposition thereof, and by reason of the interlocking of adjudicated rights on any stream system, any order or action affecting one right affects all such rights. Accordingly all water users on a stream, in practically every case, are interested and necessary parties to any court proceedings. It is apparent that if any water user claiming to hold such right by reason of the ownership thereof by the United States or any of its departments is permitted to claim immunity from suit in, or orders of, a State court, such claims could materially interfere with the lawful and equitable use of water for beneficial use by the other water users who are amenable to and bound by the decrees

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and orders of the State courts. Unless Congress has removed such immunity by statutory enactment, the bar of immunity from suit still remains and any judgment or decree of the State court is ineffective as to the water right held by the United States. Congress has not removed the bar of immunity even in its own courts in suits wherein water rights acquired under State law are drawn in question. The bill (S. 18) was introduced for the very purpose of correcting this situation and the evils growing out of such immunity.

"The committee believes that such a situation cannot help but result in a chaotic condition. Each water user under some State laws is required to pay a graduated fee or tax annually for the services of water commissioners. The commissioners must apportion the water to the decreed users thereof in accordance with their decreed rights, and are required to deny the use of water to any user who at a particular time is not in the priority for the available supply of water. Failure to comply with the lawful orders of the water commissioner subjects the offender to the administrative and penal orders of the court, usually issued in contempt proceedings. If a water user possessing a decreed water right is immune from suits and proceedings in the courts for the enforcement of valid decrees, then the years of building the water laws of the Western States in the earnest endeavor of their proponents to effect honest, fair and equitable division of the public waters will be seriously jeopardized.

"If such a condition is to continue in the future it will result in a throwback to the conditions that brought about the enactment of the statutory water laws, i. e., the necessity that the public waters so necessary to the economic welfare of the arid States be allotted in as equitable manner as possible to all users of the available supply thereof * * * "The committee is aware of the fact, as shown by the hearings, that the United States Government has acquired many lands and water rights in States that have the doctrine of prior appropriation. When these lands and water rights were acquired from the individuals the Government obtained no better rights than had the persons from whom the rights were obtained.

"Since it is clear that the States have the control of the water within their boundaries, it is essential that each and every owner along a given water course, including the United States, must be amenable to the law of the State, if there is to be a proper administration of the water law as it has developed over the years.

"The committee is of the opinion that there is no valid reason why the United States should not be required to join in a proceeding when it is a necessary party and to be required to abide by the decisions of the Court in the same manner as if it were a private individual."

Once a legal proceeding within the purview of § 666(a) (1), determining relative rights of claimants to the waters of a stream system or other source, has been had and a decree adjudicating such rights entered, Congress has given its consent to any suit properly commenced for the administration of such rights under § 666(a) (2).

[10] To administer a decree is to execute it, to enforce its provisions, to resolve conflicts as to its meaning, to construe and to interpret its language. Once there has been such an adjudication and a decree entered, then one or more persons who hold adjudicated water rights can, within the framework of § 666(a) (2), commence among others such actions as described above, subjecting the United States, in a proper case, to the judgments, orders and decrees of the court having jurisdiction.

The statutory provisions of the Nevada water law empowering the State Engi-

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neer to take certain administrative steps following the entry of the decree are not exclusive.

This Court holds that the application to the State Court in 1964 to correct the 1929 decree which culminated in the amended decree in 1965 and in the order of implementation of 1966 were proceedings within the meaning of § 666(a) (2). The sovereign immunity of the United States was waived and the Government is subject to the jurisdiction of the State Courts.

CONCLUSION

The Government's claim to quiet title to certificated rights must fail. It is apparent from the decree, as entered in 1929 and as amended in 1965 (Para. I, p. 8, Exh. A, Stipulated Exhibits), that all prior existing water rights based upon certificates of appropriation issued by a State Engineer pursuant to State water law are protected by and exempted from the decree. Those certificated rights claimed by the Government, obtained after the 1929 decree, are admittedly junior rights.

The Government attacks the nunc pro tunc amendment and the State Engineer's order of March 2, 1966, implementing the same, urging that the amendment and order of implementation are invalid because of uncertainty. A short answer is that these are matters that the Government should have addressed to the State Court, because they have to do with the administration of the decree.

[11] The Defendants are entitled to summary judgment. The Government's motion for summary judgment is denied. The complaint by the Government in this action constitutes a collateral attack on the State Court proceedings. The decision of the Supreme Court of Nevada in 1965, Alamo Irrigation Co. v. United States, supra, is res judicata.

This opinion constitutes this Court's Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. Summary Judgment will be entered accordingly.

UNITED STATES of America ex rel. Joseph Russell BRESNOCK

v.

Alfred T. RUNDLE, Superintendent. Misc. No. 3879.

> United States District Court E. D. Pennsylvania. May 27, 1969.

Petition for habeas corpus by state prisoner. The District Court, Masterson, J., held that record established that petitioner had neither knowingly nor voluntarily pleaded guilty to prison breach or holding a hostage in a penal institution.

Writ granted.

1. Criminal Law ⇔232

Under Pennsylvania law, a preliminary hearing is not a critical stage of criminal proceeding, thus failure of Commonwealth to provide petitioner with counsel at alderman's hearing at which he was charged by informations with crimes of prison breach and holding a hostage and at which he pleaded guilty was not, of itself, fatal to pleas. 18 P.S.Pa. §§ 4309, 4723.1.

2. Criminal Law \$\infty\$273

Petitioner who has neither voluntarily nor understandingly pleaded guilty is unconstitutionally detained.

3. Habeas Corpus \$\infty\$85.5(4)

Record established that state defendant's guilty pleas to crimes of prison breach and holding hostage in a penal institution were neither knowingly nor voluntarily made. 18 P.S.Pa. §§ 4309, 4723.1.

4. Habeas Corpus ⋘85.2(1)

In the absence of any interrogation by the trial court of defendant's understanding of his guilty pleas, burden is on prosecution to demonstrate validity of those pleas by a showing that totality of circumstances existing at time pleas were entered were such as to indicate

fee agreement between counsel which, by its express terms, contemplates and provides for an unequal division of the work. True it is that, had the agreement simply provided for a division of the fee, without more, a court, in line with the quoted paragraph could, in its discretion, make a different apportionment. In such case there is room for dispute whether the fee division contemplated a corresponding work division. This, however, is not the case before us. Here, the contracting attorneys expressly agreed upon an equal division of the fee, regardless of the division of the work. There is no room left for the exercise of discretion by the court. The agreement must be enforced, absent recognized legal defenses. The respondent's repudiation of his agreement is unbecoming to a member of our bar. We regard the lower court's ruling as plainly wrong. The selected quotation from Mau v. Woodburn was unnecessary to the holding of that case and was not meant as an invitation to counsel to repudiate fee agreements, nor may it sensibly be so construed.

The judgment below is reversed, and the lower court is directed to apportion equally the attorneys fees which it authorized, ordinary and extraordinary, in accordance with the agreement of counsel.

BADT, J., and ZENOFF, D. J., concur.

ALAMO IRRIGATION COMPANY, INC., ET AL., APPELLANTS, v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESPONDENT.

No. 4820

July 15, 1965

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Appeal from an order of the Seventh Judicial District Court denying appellants' motion to correct a decree nunc pro tunc; Jon R. Collins, Judge.

The Supreme Court, ZENOFF, D. J., held that provisions for watering of livestock and washing of mineral salts from ranch lands were necessary and indispensable to

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Reversed.

[Rehearing denied August 20, 1965]

Gray, Horton and Hill, of Reno, for Appellants.

J. Edward Williams, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Roger P. Marquis, Martin Green, Raymond N. Zagone, Department of Justice, of Washington, D.C., and John W. Bonner, United States Attorney, of Las Vegas, for Respondent.

1. APPEAL AND ERROR.

Generally, errors affecting a party who does not appeal will not be reviewed.

2. APPEAL AND ERROR.

Reviewing court will sometimes relax strict application of rule that errors affecting a party who does not appeal will not be reviewed, and will sometimes consider cross assignments of error, without cross appeal, in exercise of discretion.

3. APPEAL AND ERROR.

Court refused to review objections of respondent United States that it was not a proper party to motion to correct decree nunc pro tunc because sued without its consent, and that laches was applicable where such defenses were not raised by cross appeal.

4. JUDGMENT.

Burden of party filing motion to correct 36-year-old decree nunc pro tunc was to establish proposition that alleged error in decree was clerical rather than judicial. NRCP 60(a).

5. JUDGMENT.

Court can correct a clerical error in judgment or decree without time limitation, NRCP 60(a).

6. JUDGMENT.

Applied to judgments and decrees, a "clerical error" is a mistake or omission by a clerk, counsel, judge, or printer which is not result of the exercise of the judicial function, that is, one which cannot reasonably be attributed to exercise of judicial consideration or discretion.

7. JUDGMENT.

A "judicial error" not correctable by nunc pro tunc order is one made when court reaches an incorrect result in the intentional exercise of the judicial function, occurring when a judge reaches a wrong or incorrect decision in deciding a judicial question.

8. Judgment.

Provisions for watering of livestock and washing of mineral salts from ranch lands were necessary and indispensable to territorial area concerned under 36-year-old decree which determined relative rights in and to waters of lake and its tributaries, and omission of these provisions was a clerical error which could be corrected without time limitation. NRCP 60(a).

OPINION

By the Court, ZENOFF, D. J.:

In 1919, a statutory proceeding was initiated for the determination of the relative rights in and to the waters of Pahranagat Lake and its tributaries in Lincoln County, Nevada. In accordance with the water laws the state engineer made an investigation of the stream system and proofs of the various claims thereto.

After hearing objections to the preliminary order of determination, he prepared an Order of Determination defining the rights of the various claimants and filed the same with the District Court of Lincoln County on March 10, 1927. At the court hearing April 21, 1927, claimants and objectors appeared, presented their evidence, and the court allowed two corrections, neither of which is of concern or involved on this appeal.

On June 27, 1927, the court entered a minute order that a decree be entered affirming the determination and adjudication of rights as made by the state engineer. The minute order made no other reference to the hearing, and gave no indication or suggestion of a dispute concerning any portions of the order of the engineer.

Thereafter, the court by letter directed the attorney general to prepare the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and the final decree. The attorney general in turn requested the state engineer to draft those same documents. By the very nature of the subject matter, its complexities and intricacies, it was apparent that the composition of the findings and decree would be a difficult task. The attorney general, in fact, suggested that the state engineer follow the "Tony Creek decision" which was another water determination heard and drafted at an earlier date.

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Comparing the Tony Creek decision to the decree of the court in this case, the same form was followed, except that paragraphs six and seven of the Order of Determination of the state engineer in this matter, which were not contained in the Tony Creek decision, were omitted.

One of the claimants whose rights were adjudicated was the Gardner Ranch Company. In August, 1963, respondent United States of America purchased from the Buckhorn Investment Company the lands and water rights formerly comprising the Gardner Ranch.

Paragraph six of the order of the state engineer makes provision for watering of livestock and paragraph seven allows for seasonal use of water to wash mineral salt from the soil. Throughout the years, before and after the 1929 decree, the waters were used for the purposes contained in the two paragraphs as if they were in the decree.

Upon discovery of the omission, in February, 1964, appellants filed their motion to correct the decree nunc pro tunc as of the date of its entry, October 14, 1929, arguing that the two paragraphs were left out of the decree through inadvertence and oversight, a clerical error, while respondent protested that the absence of the paragraphs is the result of a judicial determination, and no timely appeal having been taken, the appellants are without a remedy.

Respondent, as part of its answering argument, requests this court to consider the propositions that the United States of America is not a proper party to the suit because sued without its consent, and also the defense of laches. Both objections were raised in the lower court and overruled.

[Headnotes 1-3]

These objections are not properly before this court. Respondent did not cross-appeal, but filed a cross-assignment of error only as to the issue of laches. Generally, errors affecting a party who does not appeal will not be reviewed. Salter v. Ulrich, 22 Cal.2d 263, 138 P.2d 7; Alfred M. Lewis, Inc. v. Warehousemen, Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local Union No. 542, 163 Cal.App.2d 771, 330 P.2d 53. However, our court has relaxed the strict application of this rule and will sometimes consider cross-assignments of error, without cross-appeal, in the exercise of the court's discretion. Leonard v. Bowler, 72 Nev. 165, 298 P.2d 475. In this case we do not choose to review the objections of the respondent because they were not raised by a cross-appeal and will not now be considered by the court.

The problem with which we are chiefly concerned is whether or not a decree 36 years old can be corrected to include now what was intended to be a part of the 1929 decree. It is appellants' contention that the court record establishes that the typist who transposed the Tony Creek decision into this one, was too literal and mistakenly left out the paragraphs six and seven, and that the error was not discovered by the state engineer, the attorney general, or the court.

[Headnotes 4, 5]

It was the burden of the appellant to establish the proposition that the error was clerical, not judicial. Smith v. Smith, 157 Cal.App.2d 658, 321 P.2d 886. That a court can correct a clerical error in a judgment or decree without time limitation is conclusively established.

NRCP 60(a) states: "Clerical mistakes in judgments, orders or other parts of the record and errors therein arising from oversight or omission may be corrected by the court at any time of its own initiative or on the motion of any party and after such notice, if any, as the court orders. * * *" Sparrow & Trench v. Strong, 2 Nev. 362, 366, Ex parte Breckenridge, 34 Nev. 275, 280, 118 P. 687, overruled on another point; Lindsay v. Lindsay, 52 Nev. 26, 33–34, 280 P. 95; Brockman v. Ullom, 52 Nev. 267, 268, 286 P. 417; Silva v. District Court, 57 Nev. 468, 474, 66 P.2d 422; Finley v. Finley, 65 Nev. 113, 119, 189 P.2d 334, 196 P.2d 766, overruled on another point; Iveson v. District Court, 66 Nev. 145, 152, 206 P.2d 755; Marble v. Wright, 77 Nev. 244, 248, 362 P.2d 265.

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more specifically applied to judgments and decrees a clerical error is a mistake or omission by a clerk, counsel, judge, or printer which is not the result of the exercise of the judicial function. In other words, a clerical error is one which cannot reasonably be attributed to the exercise of judicial consideration or discretion. [Headnote 7]

"A judicial error, on the other hand, is one made when the court reaches an incorrect result in the intentional exercise of the judicial function. It occurs when a judge reaches a wrong or incorrect decision in deciding a judicial question." Marble v. Wright, supra.

The appellants direct us to the court record and the circumstances and facts existing during the drafting of the findings and decree, i.e., the complexities involved in drawing findings and a decree in a water determination; that the Tony Creek decision was followed in all respects but that it did not contain paragraphs akin to six and seven and thus the same were not put in this decree; that there were no protests nor contest to the subject matter in the disputed paragraphs and therefore the trial court could not have acted specifically upon them; that the minute order clearly and entirely adopted the order of the engineer without change, reservation, or qualification; that there was continuous use of the water for said purposes reflecting an understanding that the decree allowed it; and that the foregoing, accumulated, satisfies their burden that the omission was clerical and the decree subject to correction.

[Headnote 8]

But for the subject matter of the two paragraphs we would be constrained to agree with the lower court who denied the motion. However, the watering of livestock and the washing of mineral salts from ranch lands are integral, necessary, and indispensable to the territorial area concerned. Prohibiting water for such uses would most normally create a protest of sufficient strength to earn a place in the court record. The two paragraphs referred to are treated together in the briefs. While the provision for diversion of water to wash the alkali from the soil may be applicable only in certain districts, the provision for diversion for domestic use and stock water

may be said to be of universal application. Omission of this provision under the circumstances cannot reasonably be said to be other than a clerical error. From the absence of such reference we can only conclude that no such problem arose and that the two paragraphs were inadvertently left out in the typing of the findings and decree. The evidence, we hold, is clear and convincing. Fall River Irr. Co. v. Swendsen, 41 Idaho 686, 241 P. 1021; Application of Beaver Dam Ditch Co. (Crowell v. City of Cheyenne), 54 Wyo. 459, 93 P.2d 934.

The order denying appellants' motion is reversed.
The lower court is directed to correct the decree of October 14, 1929, by adding thereto the following:

"6. That in addition to water used during the irrigation season, each user shall be entitled to divert sufficient water for stock and domestic purposes, the amount diverted not to exceed a flow of 0.025 of a cubic foot per second at each point of use, such diversion to be made during the non-irrigating season, subject to the provisions of paragraph 3. The point of measurement of stock water shall be at the same point as selected and approved by the State Engineer for the measurement of irrigation water.

"7. That in addition to the water allowed for irrigation, stock and domestic purposes, each user in his proper proportion and priority shall also be entitled to an economical bimonthly diversion of water for washing mineral salts from his land, such diversion to be permitted from October 1 to March 14 of each year, in accordance with custom long prevailing."

THOMPSON and BADT, JJ., concur.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE DETERMINATION OF
THE RELATIVE RIGHTS IN AND TO THE WATERS)
OF PAHRANAGAT LAKE AND ITS TRIBUTARIES
IN LINCOLN COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA OF
THE DECREE DATED OCTOBER 14, 1929 AS
CORRECTED PURSUANT TO DECISION OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA
OF JULY 15, 1965.

ORDER

Paragraph (g) of Article V of the Decree allows that in addition to the water allowed for irrigation, stock and domestic purposes, each user in his proper proportion and priority shall be entitled to an economical bi-monthly diversion of water for washing mineral salts from his lands. Such diversion will be permitted from October 1st to March 14th each year in accordance with custom long prevailing.

For the purpose of administering Paragraph (g) of Article V the State Engineer will follow the priorities, acreages and duty of water as set out in the Decree. Claimants and their successors in interest will not be required to take or use the amount of water allotted to them on a continuous flow but may combine the same or any part thereof in rotation or periodic turn with the approval of the water commissioner and subject to the control of the State Engineer.

Because of the limitation on the amount of water available for distribution, part of the priorities and lands that are listed in the Decree will receive their water during the months of October, December and February. The remainder of the priorities and lands not receiving their allotment during the above mentioned months will receive it during the months of November, January and March. The attached schedules are for the guidance of the water commissioner and can be altered with his consent.

GEORGE W. HENNEN State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada this 2nd of March 1966

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR ASH SPRINGS WATER RIGHT LANDS

Flow Ash Springs 12/6/62 18.951 c.f.s. Ditch loss & Stock water 25% 4.74 c.f.s. Water available for rotation 14.21 c.f.s.

MONTHS FOLLOWING LANDS WILL BE DELIVERED AVAILABLE WATER FOR WASHING MINERAL SALTS

October -- December -- February

PRIORITY	ALAMO CANAL	SHARP EAST-WEST MIDDLE RANCH	ANDHER-HIGBEE RICHARDSVILLE	U. S. GOV'T SHARP
1866 1867 1868 1870	1.714		0.11 0.07 0.58	0.70*
1872 1873 1875 1876	0.460 0.053	3.634 0.650		0.30*
1877 1880 1881 1882	0.786 1.758 1.501 0.045	0.030		0.840
1883 1884 1885	0.150 0.180 0.280		0.25	
TOTAL	6.927	4.284	1.01	0.940 / 1826
		Right anal Use ast-West Middle	52-6% 49 "	,15.5 days 14.5
	Ranch Use Andher-Higbee Richards-		32.5% 31	10-5 days 9.5
	ville Us	se ov't Sharp Use	7.8% 7 7.1%/3	2.0 days 2 2.0 days 4

MONTHS FOLLOWING LANDS WILL BE DELIVERED AVAILABLE WATER FOR WASHING MINERAL SALTS

November -- January -- March

PRIORITY	ALAMO CANAL	SHARP EAST-WEST MIDDLE RANCH		R-HIGBEE RDSVILLE	U.S. GOV'T SHARP
1885 1890		.435	.55	;	.800
1891		0.130			2.145
1892			0.19		
1894			0.21		
1895		2.014	0.22		
1896		2.014	0.28		1.710
1898			0.04		
1900		0.220	0.63		
1901		1.113	0.54	.0	0.980
1904		1.258			0.000
1905		1.230			0.023
					0.160
TOTAL	000	5.170	2.66	9	5.818
	Alamo Ca	nal Use			
	Sharp Ea	st-West Middle Ranc	h Úse	37.9%	11.5 days
•	Andher-H	ligbee Richardsville	Use	19.5%	6.0 days
À	U. S. Go	v't Use		42.6%	12.5 days

CORRECTED

ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR ASH SPRINGS WATER RIGHT LANDS

Flow Ash Springs	12/6/62	18.951	c.f.s.
Ditch loss & stock	water 25%	4.74	c.f.s.
Water available for	rotation	14.21	c.f.s.

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1880 1881 1882	1.758 1.501 0.045		*	0.840
1883 1884 1885	0.150 0.180		0.25	
1902	0.280		<u> </u>	
TOTAL	6.927	4.284	1.01	1.840
		anal Use	49%	14.5 days
•	Sharp East-West Middle Ranch Use		31%	9.5 days
Andher-Higbee Richards- ville Use U.S. Gov't Sharp Use		se	7% 13%	2 days 4 days

MONTHS FOLLOWING LANDS WILL BE DELIVERED AVAILABLE WATER FOR WASHING MINERAL SALTS

November -- January -- March

	ALAMO	SHARP EAST-WEST	ANDHER-HIGBEE	U.S. GOV'T
PRIORITY	CANAL	MIDDLE RANCH	RICHARDSVILLE	SHARP
1005		40-		
1885		.435	.55	.800
1890		0.130		2.145
1891			0.19	
1892			0.21	
1894			0.22	
1895		2.014	0.28	1.710
1896			0.043	
1898			0.636	
1900		0.220	0.540	0.980
1901		1.113		3770
1904		1.258		0.023
1905				0.160
				0.100
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TOTAL	000	5.170	2.669	5.818
				0.020
	Alamo (Canal Use		
		East-West Middle Ra	unch Use 37.9%	11.5 days
		-Higbee Richardsvil		6.0 days
		Gov't Use	42.6%	12.5 days
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ROTATION SCHEDULE FOR CRYSTAL SPRINGS WATER RIGHT LANDS

Flow Crystal Springs 1/16/63 11.082 c.f.s. Ditch loss & stock water 25% 2.77 c.f.s. Water available for rotation 8.31 c.f.s.

MONTHS FOLLOWING LANDS WILL BE DELIVERED AVAILABLE WATER FOR WASHING MINERAL SALTS

October -- December -- February

PRIORITY	PROOF	WRIGHT	(ACRES) <u>STEWART</u>	BURNS
1866 1867 1867	01825 01825 01794 01794	113.30 328.40	16.50 159.70	
1872 1872	01548 01825	146.1 68.85		
TOTAL		656.65	176.20	
	Wrights Use Stewarts Use Burns Use		78.9% 21.1% 0	23.5 days 6.5 days 000

November -- January -- March

			(ACRES)	
PRIORITY	PROOF	WRIGHT	STEWART	BURNS
1872	01548	146.1		
1872	01825	68.85		
1875	01794		37.20	
1880	01794		114.80	
1885	01548	46.5		
1885	01794		52.80	
1890	01794		40.70	58.50
1895	01794		62.60	67.60
1900	01794		64.60	
TOTAL		261.45	372.70	126.10
	Wrights Use	34.4%	34.4%	10 days
	Stewarts Use	49.0%	49.0%	14.5 days
	Burns Use	16.6%	16.6%	5.5 days