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

ORDER #

PROPOSED ORDER

NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF PREFERRED USE OF GROUNDWATER WITHIN THE TRUCKEE CANYON SEGMENT HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (91)

WHEREAS, NRS § 534.120 provides that within an area that has been designated by the State Engineer where, in his judgment, the ground-water basin is being depleted, the State Engineer in his administrative capacity is empowered to make such rules, regulations and orders as are deemed essential for the welfare of the area involved.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer has designated the Truckee Canyon Hydrographic Basin (91) as provided under NRS § 534.010 to 534.190, inclusive, by State Engineer’s Order No. 706, dated March 1, 1978.

WHEREAS, State Engineer’s Ruling No. 2592, dated September 39, 1980, concluded that irrigation is not considered to be a preferred use of the limited water resources of the Truckee Canyon ground-water basin, and the subject application for irrigation was denied.

WHEREAS, State Engineer’s Ruling No. 4845, dated January 28, 2000, denied certain applications for new appropriations for quasi-municipal purposes within the Truckee Canyon Segment.

WHEREAS, the estimated perennial yield of the Truckee Canyon Segment is 2,000 acre-feet annually.

NOW THEREFORE, it is ordered that, with the following exceptions, applications filed to appropriate water from the groundwater source pursuant to Chapter 534 within the designated Truckee Canyon Segment Hydrographic Basin will be denied.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Those applications filed for commercial (non-living units) or industrial purposes, which seek to appropriate 2.0 afa or less and where the property is zoned for such purposes shall be processed and subject to NRS 533 and 534. Any permit issued under this exception shall contain the following restrictions: Upon cessation of pumping for commercial (non-living units) or industrial purposes at the place of use, water allocated under the permit shall return to the source, and no application to change or relinquishment of this water right permit will be allowed.
2. Those applications for environmental permits filed pursuant to NRS §533.437.
3. Those applications filed pursuant to NRS §533.371.
4. Those applications filed to increase diversion rate only, with no corresponding increase in duty of water.

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JASON KING, P.E.
State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada this

_______ day of __________, 2010.