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DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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**Re: State Engineer's Order Nos. 1251, 1253, 1254, 1255, 1256, 1257, 1258, 1259, 1260 and 1261, Requiring Totalizing Meter Installation within the Designated and Partially Designated Hydrographic Basins of the Humboldt River Hydrographic Region (04)**

Dear Water User:

By informational letter dated September 1, 2015, the Nevada State Engineer advised the public that he had issued orders requiring the installation of totalizing meters for the appropriation of groundwater under existing water rights whose points of diversion were located within the Humboldt River Hydrographic Region as defined by the Office of the State Engineer. In addition to the installation of the totalizing meter requirement, water users were required to submit a 'Report of Installation of Totalizing Meter' form for each of their active underground water right permits. Based upon the response that has been received in this office from water right holders and inclement weather conditions throughout the region please be advised that **the State Engineer is extending the period for installing the totalizing meter and filing the form until April 1, 2016.**

**In the event that you do not install the required totalizing meter or fail to properly maintain your existing totalizing meter by April 1, 2016, you will be issued a cease and desist order and WILL NOT be allowed to pump water as set forth under your permit until such time that the meter has been installed and the report has been filed; and may be subject to penalties as set forth under Nevada Revised Statute § 534.193.**

The following uses of groundwater are exempt from this requirement:

1. Domestic wells, as defined under Nevada Revised Statute, Chapter 534.013; or
2. Stockwatering wells; or
3. Those water rights that are authorized for annual appropriations of 5.0 acre-feet or less of water.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> If you own a water right permit that falls within these exceptions, but the terms under which your permit was issued required the installation of a totalizing meter, the terms of your permit take precedence over exceptions to the totalizing meter order and you are still required to install a totalizing meter.

The Division of Water Resources will have a strong field presence in the subject groundwater basins throughout the 2016 calendar year, especially during the months of April and May to ensure that the affected permit holders are in compliance with the above referenced State Engineer Orders.

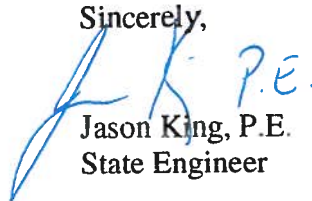
In addition to the requirement of the installation of a totalizing meter, monthly records must be kept of the amount of water pumped from the well and the records must be submitted to the State Engineer on a quarterly basis within 15 days after the end of each calendar quarter. For calendar year 2016 the first reporting period will be the second quarter with pumpage reports due prior to July 15, 2016. However, if the terms of your permit require a more frequent submittal schedule than quarterly, you are required to continue to report as required under the terms of your permit. The instructions for creating an acceptable pumpage report in the proper format will be mailed to you under a separate letter prior to the first reporting period.

Although the *type* of meter is not required at this time, the Nevada Division of Water Resources recommends installation of a full profile electro-magnetic type because of their accuracy and lower maintenance costs. You are encouraged to contact a Nevada licensed well driller, irrigation equipment dealer or plumbing supply company to obtain information regarding the purchase and proper installation of the totalizing meter.

The State Engineer's Orders referenced in this letter can be viewed on the Division of Water Resource's website at <http://water.nv.gov> under the Water Rights tab, Order Search.

If you have any questions regarding the orders, or any other related issue, please call (775) 684-2800.

Sincerely,



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State Engineer

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