

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

ORDER

#1287

**FURTHER CURTAILING NEW APPROPRIATIONS OF GROUNDWATER
WITHIN THE CHURCHILL VALLEY HYDROGRAPHIC BASIN (102),
LYON, CHURCHILL, DOUGLAS AND STOREY COUNTIES, NEVADA.**

WHEREAS, Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) § 534.120 provides that within an area that has been designated by the State Engineer where, in his judgment, the groundwater 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 designated the Churchill Valley Hydrographic Basin as provided under NRS § 534.030 by Order No. 689, dated August 23, 1977.

WHEREAS, the State Engineer issued Order No. 1207, dated April 22, 2010, curtailing new appropriations, subject to certain exceptions, within the Churchill Valley Hydrographic Basin.

WHEREAS, the estimated perennial yield of the Churchill Valley Hydrographic Basin is 1,600 acre-feet annually, excluding any recharge obtained from secondary recharge from surface water irrigation.¹

WHEREAS, the existing permits and certificates of record in the Office of the State Engineer for groundwater withdrawal within the Churchill Valley Hydrographic Basin total 10,789 acre-feet annually, which exceeds the perennial yield of the basin.²

WHEREAS, the State Engineer finds that conditions warrant the further curtailment of new appropriations of groundwater within the Churchill Valley Hydrographic Basin.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, with the following exceptions, any application filed to appropriate groundwater pursuant to NRS Chapters 533 and 534 within the designated Churchill Valley Hydrographic Basin will be denied. Applications filed under the exceptions listed below must also satisfy the criteria found in NRS Chapters 533 and 534.

EXCEPTIONS:

1. Those applications for environmental permits filed pursuant to NRS §§ 533.437 to 533.4377, inclusive.

¹ P. Glancy and T.L. Katzer, *Water - Resources Appraisal of Carson River Basin, Western Nevada*, Water Resources – Reconnaissance Series Report 58, (Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Water Resources and United States Geological Survey), 1975.

² Nevada Division of Water Resources' Water Rights Database, Hydrographic Basin Summary, Churchill Valley Hydrographic Basin (102), August 1, 2017, official records in the Office of the State Engineer.

2. Those applications for temporary appropriations of groundwater for stockwater purposes during drought declarations filed pursuant to NRS § 533.504.
3. Those applications for temporary appropriations of groundwater for establishing fire-resistant vegetative cover filed pursuant to NRS § 533.436.
4. Those applications filed to increase diversion rate only, with no corresponding increase in duty of water.



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State Engineer

Dated at Carson City, Nevada this

4TH day of August, 2017.

