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Mr. Kirk Rodgers
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Re: Applications 15664, 24310, 24311, and 24312

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

In 1954, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation filed multiple water right applications with the Nevada State Engineer in support of a project known as the Washoe Project. These applications included Applications 15662, 15663, 15664, 15665, 15666, 17201, 17202, 17203 and 17213.

By letter dated September 30, 1997, the Bureau of Reclamation requested the Nevada State Engineer to withdraw Applications 15662, 15663, 15665, 15666, 17201, 17202, 17203, 17213, 19339 and 19340 on the basis that Section 205(c) of P.L. 101-618 revoked the authority to construct the Watasheamu Dam and Reservoir, thus, the BOR could not proceed with any activity pursuant to any water applications directly tied to the facility. I have included a copy of the BOR's letter withdrawing the applications.

However, Application 15664 was not included in the withdrawal request. There has been no correspondence from the Bureau regarding this application since it was filed in 1954. Application 15644 was filed to appropriate 125,000 acre-feet of water for irrigation and domestic purposes from the Little Truckee River for the supplemental irrigation of 98,000 acres in the Truckee Meadows and the Newlands Project.

Additionally, Applications 24310, 24311 and 24312 were filed in January 1968. Application 24310 was filed to appropriate 350 cubic feet per second for irrigation and domestic purposes from the Little Truckee River and indicates an intention to store 100,000 acre-feet in Stampede Reservoir to be used for supplemental irrigation of 98,000 acres, and also indicates it is supplemental to Application 15664 for a total storage right of 225,000 acre-feet. Application 24311 was filed to appropriate 350 cubic feet per second from the Little Truckee River for fishery maintenance, restoration and enhancement, wildlife maintenance and enhancement and recreational purposes, and Application 24312 was filed for the appropriation of 350 cubic feet per second for

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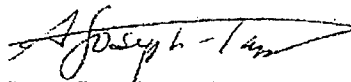
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municipal and industrial purposes. Applications 23411 and 23412 also indicate an intention to store water in Stampede Reservoir. As with Application 15664, there is no correspondence in these files since the time they were filed.

Please provide the State Engineer with information as to your intentions as to these applications. While previous staff members may have had information relevant to the applications, nothing can be ascertained from the files for those who are currently attempting to review and take action on applications. Your prompt attention is appreciated as the State Engineer is attempting to take action on outstanding applications.

Sincerely,



Susan Joseph-Taylor
Chief, Hearing Section

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