

LEGAL NOTICE
April 14, 21, & 28, 2011

NOTICE is hereby given that on August 5, 1999 and amended on December 20, 2010, Lea County, c/o Michael Gallagher, 100 N. Main, Suite 4, Lovington, NM 88260-4030 filed application L-12658 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to appropriate 300.0 acre-feet per annum (consumptive use) of the shallow waters of the Lea County Underground Water Basin by drilling a well 16 inches in diameter and approximately 350.0 feet in depth to be located in the SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄ of Section 17, Township 16 South, Range 34 East, N.M.P.M. for domestic, livestock, irrigation, industrial, commercial, petroleum refining and recovery, mineral refining and extraction, power generation, or other need as defined in the 40-year Regional Water Plan and/or 40-Year Water Development Plan in Lea County. Well is to be located on lands owned by the State of New Mexico.

Lea County, assignee of all of the Applications for Permit to Appropriate Underground Waters from the Lea County Underground Water Basin filed by the Lea County Water Users Association with the New Mexico State Engineer's Office on August 5, 1999, is amending said applications effective as of that filing date to reflect that Lea County is the applicant in said applications. Lea County is appropriating these waters in accordance with the Lea County 40-year water development plan. The water development plan indicates the water is necessary to meet the needs of the county for the next 40 years. The 40-year water development plan has been submitted to the Water Use and Conservation Bureau of the State Engineer. Diversions will not exceed the quantity indicated and may be less in order to not exceed the total appropriation of 9,580 feet necessary for the Lea County 40-year water development plan.

The well will be located 14 miles west of Lovington on U.S. Hwy 82 in Lea County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity having standing to file objections or protests shall do so in writing (legible, signed, and include the writer's complete name and mailing address). The objection to the approval of the application must be based on: (1) Impairment; if impairment you must specifically identify your water rights; and/or (2) Public welfare/conservation of water; if public welfare or conservation of water within the state of New Mexico, you must show you will be substantially affected. The written protest must be filed, in triplicate, with John R. D'Antonio, Jr. P.E., State Engineer, 1900 West Second Street, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, within ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. Facsimiles (fax) will be accepted as a valid protest as long as the hard copy is sent within 24 hours of the facsimile. Mailing postmark will be used to validate the 24-hour period. Protest can be faxed to the Office of the State Engineer, (575) 623-8559. If no valid protest or objection is filed, the State Engineer will evaluate the application in accordance with Sections 72-2-16, 72-5-6, and 72-12-3.

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