



Death Valley National Park

Docket Number: 11

BENNET'S WELL

Preliminary Docket Information

DOCKET INFORMATION FORM

Compiled by: Alexa Kreiling Date: 2/24/2025
 Initial Docket Information Form ☒ Amendment # (1,2,3 ...)
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Park Unit: DEVA Docket #: 011 Docket Title Bennet's Well

Docket Type:

Select all applicable: ☐ PC/V (pre-code/vested) ☐ APP (appropriative) ☐ RIP (riparian)
☐ FRR (federal reserved right) ☒ PWR (public water reserve) ☐ ACQ (acquired)
☐ GW (groundwater) ☐ Own (ownership) ☐ Other

Region:

☐ NER & NCR ☐ IMR
☐ SER ☐ MWR
☐ IMR ☒ PWR
☐ AKR

Source:

☒ Groundwater ☐ Spring (When recognized by the State as separate from groundwater and surface water)
☐ Surface Water
☐ Direct Diversion ☐ Diversion to Storage ☐ Instream Flow
 Name: Bennet's Well

State: CACounty: Inyo

Owner: US National Park Service (As listed by the State)

Application #: Date: 2/11/1933

Permit #: Date Issued:

License / Certificate #: Priority Date: 1934

Ruling/Order/Decree #: Date Issued:

Quantity: Rate: Duty:
 Units: ☐ cfs ☐ gpm ☐ afy ☐ other Units: ☐ cfs ☐ gpm ☐ afy ☐ other

Use(s): ☒ Domestic ☐ Livestock ☐ Irrigation ☐ Municipal ☐ Industrial/Commercial ☐ Wildlife ☐ Instream ☐ other

POD Name / Location: ☐ Multiple PODs (see water right)

Qtr: Qtr: Sec: T: 24 N R: 1 E PM:

Latitude: Longitude:

UTM , Datum:

POU Name / Location: ☐ Multiple POU's (see water right)

Qtr: Qtr: Sec: T: R: PM:

Latitude: Longitude:

UTM , Datum:

Narrative / Remarks: Enter short narrative in the space below, attach additional page(s) as needed.

See Water Right/Source Docket Information dated October 31, 1973 in the preliminary section for narrative.

WATER RESOURCES/WATER RIGHTS

DATE: October 31, 1973WATER RIGHT/SOURCE DOCKET INFORMATION

REGION Western AREA Death Valley National Monument
SITE Bennett's Well
STATE California COUNTY Inyo DOCKET NO WR #11
LOCATION Sec. 27, T24N, R1E
REGIONAL BASIN _____ LOCAL BASIN _____
ACQUIRED BY _____
APPLICATION _____ PERMIT _____ CERTIFICATE _____
ACTION DUE _____ PRIORITY 1934 RESERVATION February 11, 1933
QUANTITY _____ USE _____
STATUS _____ SOURCE Well
REMARKS Hydrologic unit # 18090203

NARRATIVE:

This docket merely records the existence of "Bennett's Well" in Death Valley National Monument, and was never recorded with the State.

Note: This well may have been withdrawn as a part of Public Water Reserve No. 13 by the Executive Order of Dec. 1, 1913.

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03 HISTORY

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BENNET'S WELL

Land History

IN REPLY PLEASE REFER TO

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1913.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

Public Water Reserve,
California.

Register and Receiver,
Independence, California.

Sirs:

By Executive Order of December 1, 1913, the hereinafter described lands in California, involving approximately 36,330 acres, were withdrawn from settlement, location, sale or entry, and reserved as a public water reserve, subject to all the limitations, provisions, exceptions and conditions contained in the act of Congress entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to make withdrawals of public lands in certain cases," approved June 25, 1910 (36 Stat., 847), as amended by the act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat., 497).

ORDER OF WITHDRAWAL,
Public Water Reserve No. 13, California No. 1,
Mt. Diablo Meridian.

T. 11 S., E. 37 E., Sec. 8, all;
Sec. 9, all;
Sec. 17, all;

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RECORDS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE
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Three Centimeters



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T. 15 S., R. 45 E., Sec. 9, all;
 Sec. 10, all;
 Sec. 15, all.

T. 12 S., R. 45 E., Unsurveyed: All lands within one-quarter mile of Blackwater Spring, in what will probably be when surveyed Sec. 14.

T. 22 S., R. 45 E., Unsurveyed: All lands within one-quarter mile of Six Springs, in what will probably be when surveyed Sec. 13.

All lands within one-quarter mile of Arrastre Spring, in what will probably be when surveyed Sec. 25.

T. 13 S., R. 46 E., Sec. 15, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ or SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 21, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 22, EW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 25, SW $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 26, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 35, NE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 14 S., R. 46 E., Sec. 8, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

S. 14 N., R. 1 E., Sec. 26, all;
 Sec. 27, all;
 Sec. 34, all;
 Sec. 35, all.

T. 25 N., R. 1 E., Sec. 33, SW $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 27 N., R. 1 E., Secs. 13 and 14, all;
 Sec. 15, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 22, E $\frac{1}{2}$;
 Sec. 23, E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$;
 Sec. 24, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 28 N., R. 1 E., Sec. 33, all;
 Sec. 34, all.

T. 30 N., R. 1 E., Sec. 7, SE $\frac{1}{4}$.

T. 29 N., R. 2 E., Sec. 30, all.

T. 22 N., R. 3 E., Unsurveyed: All lands within one-quarter mile of Willow Spring, in what will probably be when surveyed Sec. 5.

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06 DATA

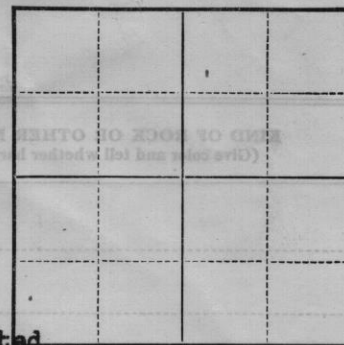
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BENNET'S WELL

Supporting Hydrologic Data

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WATER RESOURCES BRANCH

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RECORD OF WELL

1. Location: State California County Inyo

Nearest P. O. Death Valley Direction from P. O. S.W.

Distance from P. O. 52 miles; $\frac{1}{4}$ sec. 27, T. 24N, R. 1 E.

If in city, give street and number _____

Projected

Locate well on plat of section.

Bennetts Well,

2. Owner: Death Valley National Monument Address Death Valley, California

Driller: _____ Address _____

3. Situation: Is well on upland, in valley, or on hillside? Valley

4. Elevation of top of well: _____ ft. _____ the level of _____
(Above or below) (Sea, depot, lake, or stream)

5. Type of well: Dug; kind of drilling rig used _____
(Dug, driven, bored, or drilled) (Solid tool, jetting, rotary, etc.)

6. Depth of well: 12 ft.; year in which well was finished 1934

Does well enter rock? no; if so, at what depth? _____ ft.; kind of rock _____

7. Diameter: At top 48" inches; at bottom 48" inches.

8. Principal water bed: Gravel

(Gravel, sand, clay, or rock. If rock, state kind)

Depth to principal water bed _____ ft.; thickness of bed _____ ft.

If other water supplies were found, give depth to each _____

9. Casings: Kind _____; size _____; length _____ ft.; between depths of _____ and _____ ft.
Kind _____; size _____; length _____ ft.; between depths of _____ and _____ ft.
Kind _____; size _____; length _____ ft.; between depths of _____ and _____ ft.

Packers (if any): Depth at which packers were used _____; kind _____

Screen or Strainer: Was well finished with screen? _____; kind of screen _____;
length of screen _____ ft.; diameter _____ inches; size of openings _____

10. Head: Does well at present overflow without pumping? no; did it overflow when new? no;
if flowing, give pressure _____ lb. per sq. inch; or height water will rise in a pipe _____ ft. above surface;
original pressure or head _____; if not flowing, give water level in well 6'6" ft. below surface.

11. Pump: Is the well pumped? no; kind of pump _____;
size or capacity of pump _____; kind of power _____

12. Yield: Natural flow at present (if any) _____ gallons per minute; original flow _____ gallons per minute;
well has been pumped at _____ gallons per minute continuously for _____ hours;
quantity of water ordinarily obtained from well _____ gallons per day.

13. Use: For what purpose is the water used? Campers

14. Quality of the water: Hard-slightly salty; is there an analysis? no
(Hard or soft, fresh or salty, etc.)

15. Cost of well, not including pump: _____ Temperature of water _____ ° F.

Name of person filling blank (Sgd.) T. R. GOODWIN

Date _____ Address T. R. Goodwin, Superintendent
Death Valley Natl. Mon., Death Valley, California

LOG OF WELL

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Docket Information

Number of Documents in Docket : 6

Documents Dated from : 12-00-1913 to 02-24-2025

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