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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

In Re SRBA	) Subcase 57-01106
	)
Case No. 39576	) SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND
	) RECOMMENDATION
	)
	) FINDINGS OF FACT AND
	) CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

A *Partial Decree* was entered for the above-captioned irrigation water right on January 8, 1998. The period of use element was decreed as "irrigation season." In *A&B Irrigation Dist. v. Idaho Conservation League*, 131 Idaho 411, 423, 958 P.2d 568, 580 (1998), the Idaho Supreme Court remanded to the SRBA Court with the directive to include specific dates for the period of use element. Following remand, on July 26, 1999, IDWR filed a *Supplemental Director's Report, Reporting Area 2, IDWR Basin 57, Regarding Revision of Period of Use (For Irrigation Water Uses) and Conjunctive Management General Provisions*, which included an irrigation period of use recommendation for this water right. The recommendation also contained the following "subordination language."

DIVERTING WATER BEFORE OR AFTER THE PERIOD OF USE UNDER
THIS RIGHT IS ALLOWED PROVIDED:

- A. THE WATERS SO DIVERTED ARE APPLIED TO A BENEFICIAL USE, AND
- B. THE EXISTING RIGHTS AND FUTURE APPROPRIATIONS ARE FIRST SATISFIED.

On December 21, 2001, the SRBA District Court issued an *Order of Reference Appointing Thomas Cushman Special Master* to determine the issues regarding the use of "excess" water in the Reynolds Creek basin.

On May 1, 2002, at a status conference, the claimant, Tom Hook, made an oral motion to withdraw objections, such motion having been granted.

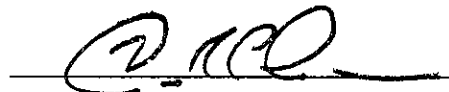
II. FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This "subordination language" was recommended by IDWR in an attempt to satisfy the issues raised by the Idaho Supreme Court in *State of Idaho v. Idaho Conservation League*, 131 Idaho 329, 955 P.2d 1108 (1998), regarding "excess water." However, because the use of "excess water" is no longer being recommended as a general provision¹, this Special Master finds that the subordination language is no longer necessary and should not be included in the partial decree for this water right.

III. RECOMMENDATION

Therefore, based on the file and record herein, and all objections having been withdrawn, IT IS RECOMMENDED that an amended partial decree be issued for this water right with the elements as set forth in the attached *Special Master's Recommendations for Amended Partial Decree Pursuant to I.R.C.P. 54(b) for water right 57-01106*.

Dated October 25, 2002.



THOMAS CUSHMAN
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

¹ For a comprehensive discussion regarding the "excess water" general provision, see the *Special Master's Report and Recommendation, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, For General Provisions in Basin 57 Designated as Basin-Wide Issue 5-57* (September 11, 2002).

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Case No. 39576)
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Water Right(s): 57-00245B
57-00260B 57-00265 57-00269B
57-01106 57-01107

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a true and correct copy of the SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT, SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION FOR PARTIAL DECREE and NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL MASTER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION were mailed on October 25, 2002, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

DIRECTOR OF IDWR
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MURPHY, ID 83650

[Signature: Debbie Lash]
DEBBIE LASH
Deputy Clerk

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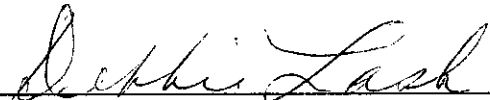
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On October 25, 2002, Special Master THOMAS R CUSHMAN
issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s)
pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

Pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1, Section 13a, any party
to the adjudication including parties to the subcase, may file a Motion
to Alter or Amend on or before the 28th day of the next month.

Failure of any party in the adjudication to pursue or participate
in a Motion to Alter or Amend the SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION
shall constitute a waiver of the right to challenge it before the
Presiding Judge.

DATED October 25, 2002.


DEBBIE LASH
Deputy Clerk