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RE: Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership for Snake River Basin Adjudication (SRBA) claims 29-00274I and 29-02402.

Dear Mr. and Ms. Holte:

I received your Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership form. However, with further research I have found a couple problems with completing the change.

Issue 1:

When I met with you we spoke about the use of well water on your property. I had originally thought that part of GK Matkin's well right 29-02402 was applicable to your property. However, after further looking at the original license, it is clear that 29-02402 was not licensed for irrigation use on your property.

However, I did find domestic right 29-11596 for use of groundwater that is applicable to your property. 29-11596 has been partially decreed by the SRBA court and is a perfected water right. However, since it has been partially decreed, there is a \$25 fee associated with the ownership change.

Issue 2:

29-00274I is a claim for use of Mink Creek water for irrigation purposes. You informed me that GK Matkin used Mink Creek water on your property. The problem is Mr. Matkin never claimed use on your property. Thus, I cannot split off the portion applicable to your property since nothing was claimed on your property.

I will solicit GK Matkin to amend claim 29-00274I to include your property as an irrigated place of use. If he is not responsive, your other option is to file a separate SRBA claim for the use of Mink Creek water.

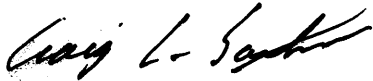
Conclusion:

I am returning the Change of Ownership information you sent. Please look over the changes I made in red and send it back to me with a check for \$25. Once I receive that I will forward it onto the SRBA court to change the ownership on 29-11596.

Upon receiving amended claim 29-00274I from GK Matkin, I will split the right into two portions and you will be notified of your new claim number. If you do not receive correspondence from myself regarding this issue in the next couple of months, you will need to contact me to discuss filing a separate claim if you wish to continue to use Mink Creek water.

I realize this is a confusing matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig L. Saxton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Craig" being more prominent.

Craig L. Saxton
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