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RE: Notice of Error Reply for 29-00294H, 29-10688, and 29-13362

Dear Mr. and Ms. Owens,

I have been reviewing your request that additional acreage be recommended under the above mentioned rights.

After reviewing the field exam photos and the aerial photography I feel I can support increasing the acreage 0.20 acres totaling 2 acres of irrigation. The 1987 NAPP photography shows red (evapotranspiration) on the back side of your property. However, as you can see in the copies of the field exam photos (enclosed), much of that "red" area is from trees that are growing within the lava flow in areas that could not be flood irrigated.

I feel increasing the irrigated acreage to a total of 2.0 acres is a fair and accurate recommendation since I cannot justify recommending flood irrigation on ground higher up within the basalt flows.

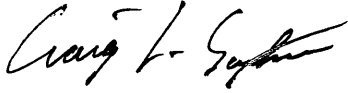
I am enclosing amended recommendations for 29-00294H, 29-10688, and 29-13362. As always, feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

On another note, I requested the entire deed trail for the Rapid Creek users within Murdock Subdivision to make sure that the diversion rate per acre is recommended accurately for each user.

Again, I appreciate your honesty in finding the entire deed trail to your property and want you to know that I am doing everything in my power to make sure that your neighbors water rights are recommended with a diversion rate per acre that is accurate. If you have questions concerning this issue I would encourage you to call me and I will be happy to speak with you about it.

As always, I am not the final say in this process. If you feel that I recommended a water right to yourself or to another individual that you disagree with, you will have a chance to object and be heard by the SRBA court.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig L. Saxton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Craig L. Saxton
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Adjudication Bureau