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Re: Adjudication Claims 29-2255E, 29-2284, 29-2301, 29-11342

Dear Water Users:

We are reviewing adjudication claims in Basin 29, in preparation for making recommendations to the court. In looking at your claims, there are some things I find I need help with, and some things you may want to be aware of.

1. Claim 29-2255E appears to be the right out of the "racetrack well." Its claimed point of diversion, however, is about a quarter mile east of where the Water Measurement District indicates the well is (see attached map). You may wish to amend this claim to show the correct location.
2. From the aerial photo, I can't tell how much irrigation was taking place from the racetrack well in 1987. If you could provide an affidavit from someone who personally observed the irrigation, describing approximately how many acres, and where, were irrigated, that would help me.
3. The Water Measurement District indicates that in 1998 you were using five wells – racetrack, Pilot House, #1, #3, and #4. Transfer 4128 (1994) appeared to authorize replacing well #5 with a new well, #6. It is not clear if this ever took place. Could you help me with a description of the wells currently used?
4. License 29-2284 and 29-2301 are the rights that describe use in the plant itself. They total 8.5 cubic feet per second (cfs). It appears that the historical capacity of wells at the plant was about 11.5 cfs, and the current capacity of wells 1, 3, and 4 is about the same. You may wish to consider filing a "beneficial use" claim for the additional capacity.
5. One of the elements of the water rights that I need to recommend is an annual volume. If you have historical data on the number of hours per day of

operation of the wells, and the number of days per year of operation of the plant, that would help me a great deal. The most valuable data will be data going back before 1987, and especially before 1963.

6. Claim 29-11342 is for the "Pilot House Well," purchased from the City of Pocatello. The city had filed for municipal purposes, but it appears the well is now used for domestic water in a few homes and businesses, and for some irrigation. Could you please help me clarify the current uses? I also need an affidavit if possible describing the amount (number of acres) and location of irrigation in 1987 or earlier.

Please call me at 525-7161 if you have questions. I will be out of the office until June 27 or 28.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryce A. Contor".

Bryce A. Contor
Senior Water Resource Agent

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