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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) Subcases 01-23B and 01-297
) (Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co.)
Case No. 39576)
) SPECIAL MASTER REPORT
)
_____)

Findings of Fact

The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources filed his *Director's Report, Irrigation & Other Uses, IDWR Lower Basin 01 (Part 1)* on May 15, 2006. The Director recommended the two claims to the Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company, P.O. Box 857, Aberdeen, Idaho, 83210, for 1,172.1 cfs and 230 cfs from the Snake River for recharge for irrigation and to irrigate 58,942 acres within the area served by the Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company in Bingham County from April 1 to October 31 with priority dates of February 6, 1895, and April 1, 1939, based on a decree.

The United States of America, Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management, filed an Objections on September 29, 2006, objecting to place of use. Aberdeen-Springfield filed Objections on October 5, 2006, objecting to place of use and other provisions. The same date, the United States of America, Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, filed an *Objection* objecting to place of use.

Aberdeen-Springfield was granted leave to amend its claims on June 21, 2007, to irrigate 61,772.6 acres from April 1 to November 1. IDWR filed its Amended Director's Report, Subcase Nos. 01-23B, 01-297, 35-2543 and 35-4246 recommending the above two claims for 1,172.1 cfs and 230 cfs to irrigate 61,772.6 acres within the area served by the Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company.

The Surface Water Coalition filed *Objections* on April 28, 2008, objecting to priority date, purpose of use, place of use and remarks. The same date, Minidoka Irrigation District and American Falls Reservoir District #2 filed the same objections. The State of Idaho was granted leave to file a late *Response* on July 16, 2008. Aberdeen-Springfield and the United States filed a *Stipulation to Resolve Objections* on April 30, 2009.

On June 11, 2009, the Special Master entered an ***Order Partially Granting Aberdeen-Springfield's Motion for Summary Judgment and Denying Surface Water Coalition's Motion for Summary Judgment and Motion to Strike Affidavits*** in the above subcases. In the ***Order***, the Special Master concluded that 1) recharge for irrigation was recognized as a beneficial use of water before enactment of its groundwater recharge statute in 1978, and 2) a portion of ASCC's diversion from the Snake River decreed "for irrigation and other purposes" in water right 01-23B was lawfully changed to "recharge for irrigation" with a priority date of February 6, 1895. The Surface Water Coalition's *Motion for Reconsideration* was denied on January 8, 2010.

On July 21, 2009, the parties, with IDWR's concurrence, filed a *Stipulation to Resolve Objection*. The Special Master entered a ***Report and Recommendation*** in the above subcases on April 23, 2010, and on August 31, 2010, the Special Master entered an ***Order Denying Motion to Alter or Amend***.

On April 4, 2011, SRBA Presiding Judge entered his ***Memorandum Decision and Order on Challenge*** recommitting the matters to the Special Master "for additional evidence and findings on basis of recharge." Finally, on January 11, 2012, the parties, with IDWR's concurrence, filed *Standard Forms 5*.

Conclusions of Law

Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company is entitled to partial decrees adjudicating water rights as described in the *SF-5s* and the attached ***Special Master Recommendations for Partial Decrees for Water Rights 01-23B and 01-297***.

DATED January 20, 2012.



TERRENCE A. DOLAN
Special Master
Snake River Basin Adjudication

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE
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In Re SRBA)
) PARTIAL DECREE PURSUANT TO
) I.R.C.P. 54(b) FOR
Case No. 39576)
)
) Water Right 01-00023B

NAME AND ADDRESS: ABERDEEN-SPRINGFIELD CANAL CO
PO BOX 857
ABERDEEN, ID 83210

SOURCE: SNAKE RIVER TRIBUTARY: COLUMBIA RIVER

QUANTITY: 1172.10 CFS

PRIORITY DATE: 02/06/1895

POINT OF DIVERSION: T01S R36E S34 LOT 14 (SENE) Within Bingham County

PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Irrigation	04-01 TO 10-31	1172.10 CFS

PLACE OF USE:

61,772.6 ACRES TOTAL
The rights listed below are limited to the irrigation of a combined total of 61,772.6 acres in a single irrigation season. Combined Right Nos.: 1-23B, 1-297, 35-2543, and 35-4246. Place of use is within the area served by Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Company.
The boundary encompassing the place of use for this water right is described with a digital boundary as defined by I.C. Section 42-202B(2) and authorized pursuant to I.C. Section 42-1411(2)(h). The data comprising the digital boundary are incorporated herein by reference and are stored on a CD-ROM disk issued in duplicate originals on file with the SRBA District Court and the Idaho Department of Water Resources. A map depicting the place of use is attached hereto to illustrate the place of use described by the digital boundary.

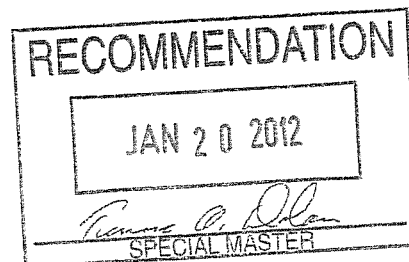
OTHER PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR DEFINITION OR ADMINISTRATION OF THIS WATER RIGHT:

THIS PARTIAL DECREE IS SUBJECT TO SUCH GENERAL PROVISIONS NECESSARY FOR THE DEFINITION OF THE RIGHTS OR FOR THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE WATER RIGHTS AS MAY BE ULTIMATELY DETERMINED BY THE COURT AT A POINT IN TIME NO LATER THAN THE ENTRY OF A FINAL UNIFIED DECREE. I.C. SECTION 42-1412(6).

RULE 54(b) CERTIFICATE

With respect to the issues determined by the above judgment or order, it is hereby CERTIFIED, in accordance with Rule 54(b), I.R.C.P., that the court has determined that there is no just reason for delay of the entry of a final judgment and that the court has and does hereby direct that the above judgment or order shall be a final judgment upon which execution may issue and an appeal may be taken as provided by the Idaho Appellate Rules.

Eric J. Wildman
Presiding Judge of the
Snake River Basin Adjudication



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Case No. 39576)
)
) Water Right 01-00297

NAME AND ADDRESS: ABERDEEN-SPRINGFIELD CANAL CO
PO BOX 857
ABERDEEN, ID 83210

SOURCE: SNAKE RIVER TRIBUTARY: COLUMBIA RIVER

QUANTITY: 230.00 CFS

PRIORITY DATE: 04/01/1939

POINT OF DIVERSION: T01S R36E S34 LOT 14 (SENE) Within Bingham County

PURPOSE AND PERIOD OF USE:	PURPOSE OF USE	PERIOD OF USE	QUANTITY
	Irrigation	04-01 TO 10-31	230.00 CFS

PLACE OF USE:

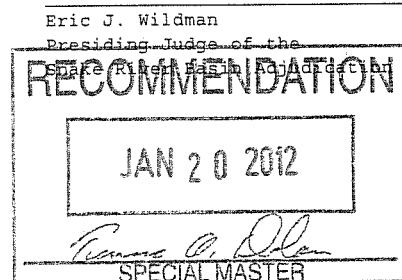
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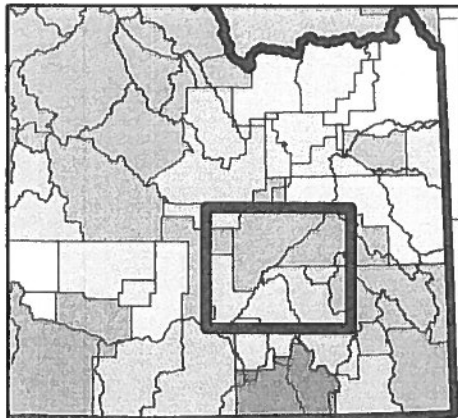


Aberdeen-Springfield Canal Co

Adjudication Recommendations: 1-23B, 1-297, 35-2543, 35-4246

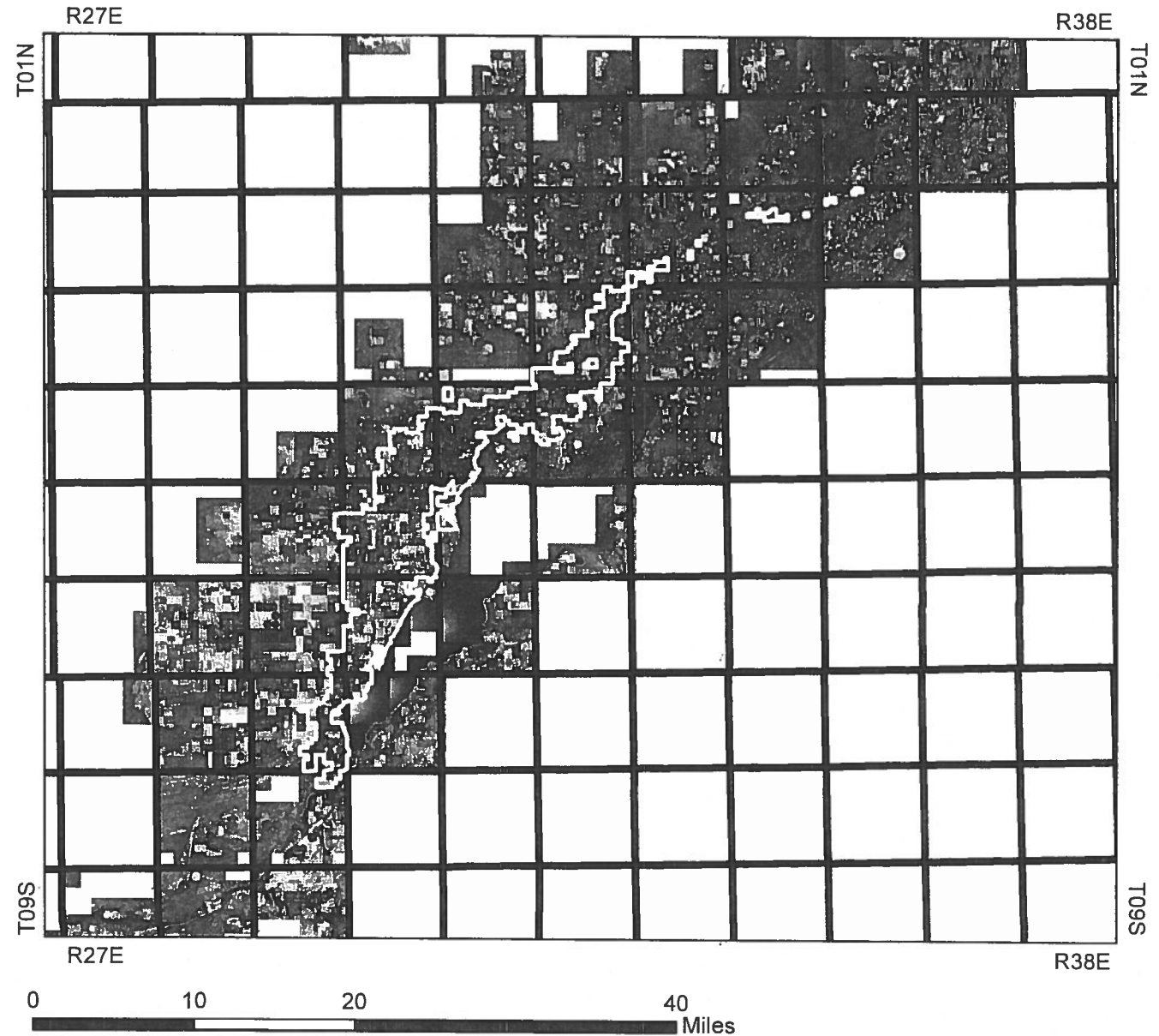
Irrigation Service Area Boundary
GIS Place of Use Illustration

- Service Area
- State Outline
 - Townships



Bingham, Power Counties
IDWR Basin 1

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On January 18, 2012
1987/88 Aerial Photography



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County of Twin Falls - State of Idaho	
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NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF
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RECOMMENDATION

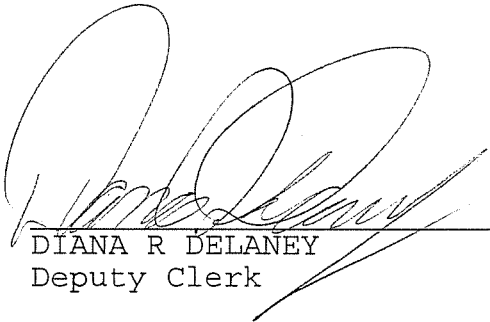
Water Right(s): 01-00023B
01-00297

On January 20, 2012, Special Master TERRENCE A. DOLAN issued a SPECIAL MASTER'S RECOMMENDATION for the above subcase(s) pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1 (AO1), Section 13a.

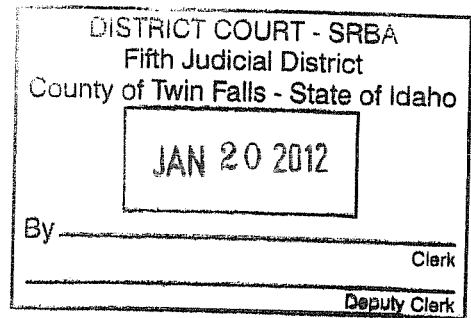
Pursuant to SRBA Administrative Order 1, Section 13a, any party to the adjudication including parties to the subcase, may file a Motion to Alter or Amend on or before the 28th day of the next month.

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 January 20, 2012.



DIANA R DELANEY
Deputy Clerk



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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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01-00297

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 January 20, 2012, with sufficient first-class postage prepaid to the following:

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