

Memorandum

To: Files 29-2009A & 29-14005

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From: Steve Clelland

Date: 11/6/2013

Re: Phone Conversation with Michelle Stanger (208) 648-0822

I made a call to the Stanger claimants to gather more information on the well use and water rights historically developed and as claimed. I explained the SRBA process as it has impacted the Stanger's water rights to date. She believed the issues had been resolved in 2011 when the claims were filed. I relayed the process of the Late Claim report and ultimate issuance of a Partial Decree for each right.

I told her there is sufficient information to recommend the surface water right from 18 Mile Creek. With the basis of a license for the water right and the entry of the lands into the CRP, the right 29-2009A can be recommended to the SRBA court.

However, the well use does not have the same type of documentation. I asked her to gather or search for additional historical proof of the well's use. Although they have submitted a well log, photo, and affidavits nothing relates to the flow rate used from the well. My questions are whether the well ever had a pump installed and if so how big? Was there ever electric power to the site? If it was used on sprinklers, how many and what kind of pressure was obtained? I asked her to solve the mystery of the well use from the date it was drilled (1961) to the time the farm was put into CRP in 1987. We agreed the information is limited since the previous owner and developer of the farm and well is deceased. Additionally, the farm has been in CRP longer than the SRBA has existed so there are no recent uses of either water rights on the fields and ditches. She is expecting a child very soon, but will discuss these issues with her husband and provide what they can to support the well use.

I told her I would contact her once more before the final report is drafted as a reminder. Without more documentation, I did tell her the right would be disallowed. There are, however, several chances to repair the record before the final court ruling is issued.