

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
Case No. 39576

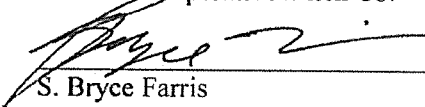
Subcase No.: 63-296

STIPULATED AMENDED REQUEST FOR
CORRECTION OF ERROR

The parties and IDWR agree and stipulate that the elements of this water right should be described per the attached.

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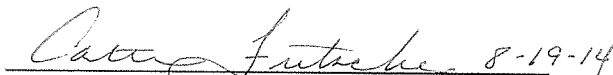
Farmers Cooperative Ditch Co.


S. Bryce Farris

8/19/14
Date

Attorney for Farmers Cooperative Ditch Co.

IDWR CONCURRENCE:


Carter Fritschle
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IDWR CONCURRENCE:


Emmi Blades
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STIPULATED AMENDED REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF ERROR

THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES (IDWR) HAS IDENTIFIED AN ERROR IN THE SRBA PARTIAL DECREE OF THE WATER RIGHT LISTED BELOW. IDWR REQUESTS THE COURT DETERMINE IF IT CAN CORRECT THE ERROR THROUGH ITS NORMAL NOTICE AND HEARING PROCESS, AND IF SO, CORRECT THE ERROR ACCORDINGLY. BY COPY OF THIS FORM IDWR IS ALSO NOTIFYING THE OWNER OF THE WATER RIGHT OF THE ERROR IN QUESTION.

WATER RIGHT NO. 63-296

NAME OF OWNER LISTED ON THE PARTIAL DECREE: FARMERS COOPERATIVE DITCH CO.

CURRENT OWNER (IF DIFFERENT) _____

TODAY'S DATE August 19, 2014

An error exists in the description of the following element of the partial decree:

1. ☐ **Name and Address**

Should be: _____

2. ☐ **Source**

Should be: _____

3. ☒ **Quantity**

The following language should be inserted directly after the step-down cut condition:

This step-down cut condition shall be implemented before the step-down cut condition contained in water rights identified as originating from the Stewart Decree is implemented.

4. ☒ **Priority Date**

The following language should be added to the partial decree:

Pursuant to a call in times of scarcity, this right is junior to water right nos. 63-253, 63-285, 63-292, 63-293 and 63-382B and any future splits of these rights.

5. ☐ **Point of Diversion**

Should be: _____

6. ☐ **Instream Flow Beginning and/or Ending Point**

Should be: _____

7. ☐ **Purpose(s) of Use**

Should be: _____

8. ☐ **Period of Year**

Should be: _____

9. ☐ **Place of Use**

Should be: _____

10. ☒ **Other Provisions**

The following language should be added to the partial decree:

The step-down cut condition contained in the quantity element of this partial decree and the subordination condition contained in the priority date element of this partial decree do not modify, amend, or waive any defenses available to this right to a call in times of scarcity.

Additional explanation or supporting documentation of the error:

Several water rights in Basin 63 were previously decreed in the case *Pioneer Irrigation District v. American Ditch Association, et al.* (Seventh Judicial District, Canyon County, decree entered by Judge E. L. Bryan on February 14, 1929), commonly referred to as the “Bryan Decree.” The Bryan Decree case commenced in 1913, following entry of what generally is referred to as the “Stewart Decree,” a decree of the rights on the Boise River in the case of *Farmers’ Cooperative Ditch Company, Inc. v. Riverside Irrigation District, Ltd., et al.* (Seventh Judicial District, Canyon County, decree entered by Judge George H. Stewart on January 18, 1906). The purpose of the Bryan Decree case was to adjudicate a small number of rights that for various reasons had not been previously adjudicated and decreed in the Stewart Decree. These rights were decreed in the February 14, 1929, Bryan Decree, but that decree imposed upon them the following limitation:

[All rights and amounts of water herein awarded are and are hereby decreed to be subject, subsequent and inferior to all the rights and priorities established by and awarded in said Stewart Decree.

Eleven rights were originally made subject to this limitation. Two more were added by a subsequent order entered in the case by Judge A.O. Sutton on January 30, 1932, entitled *Order for Distribution of Waters of Boise River for 1932*, which order in turn was extended by a subsequent order entered by Judge Charles E. Winstead on June 23, 1933, entitled *For 1933 and until Further Order of the Court*, an order still in effect today. Three other rights were added to the list of Bryan Decree rights by two subsequent decrees which made the rights contained therein subject to both the Stewart and Bryan Decrees.

The Bryan Decree rights all have priority dates senior to one or more rights contained in the Stewart Decree, but because of the limitation quoted above the watermaster historically subordinated them to the Stewart Decree rights junior to them. This subordination was carried over into the SRBA recommendations for Basin 63. However, in making its recommendations IDWR placed language

referencing the subordination not on the Bryan Decree rights that were subordinated to one or more Stewart Decree rights, but rather on the Stewart Decree rights that receive the benefit of the subordination. IDWR has now determined that this approach was flawed because IDWR did not likewise place notice of the subordination on the rights that are subject to the burden of the subordination. IDWR should have placed language referencing the subordination also on the Bryan Decree rights to better communicate how they historically have been administered and to provide clear instruction to the watermaster.

IDWR's initial error correction request, submitted to the Court on May 29, 2014, asked that the following language be added to the priority date element of the partial decree for water right number 63-296: "Pursuant to a call in times of scarcity, this right is junior to water right nos. 63-253, 63-285, 63-292, 63-293 and 63-382B and any future splits of these rights. This condition does not modify, amend or waive any defenses available to this right to a call in times of scarcity." IDWR now requests that only the following language be added to the priority date element of the partial decree for water right number 63-296: "Pursuant to a call in times of scarcity, this right is junior to water right nos. 63-253, 63-285, 63-292, 63-293 and 63-382B and any future splits of these rights."

In response to IDWR's initial error correction request, an objection was filed dated July 11, 2014. The objection claimed IDWR's proposed subordination condition was insufficient to remedy an ambiguity created by the step-down cut conditions already in place on both Bryan and Stewart Decree rights. At the hearing on the Court's Notice of Intent to Issue Amended Partial Decrees on July 15, 2014, the Court granted the parties time to negotiate language to clarify that ambiguity. As a result, IDWR requests the following language be added to the quantity element of the partial decree for water right number 63-296 directly after the step-down cut condition: "This step-down cut condition shall be implemented before the step-down cut condition contained in water rights identified as originating from the Stewart Decree is implemented."

During negotiation regarding language to clarify the ambiguity described above, interest was expressed that language be included in the partial decrees at issue explaining that neither the proposed subordination condition or step-down clarification condition modify, amend, or waive any defenses available to rights to a call in times of scarcity. Accordingly, IDWR also requests the following language be added to the other provisions element of the partial decree for water right number 63-296: "The step-down cut condition contained in the quantity element of this partial decree and the subordination condition contained in the priority date element of this partial decree do not modify, amend, or waive any defenses available to this right to a call in times of scarcity."

For more information about the error the Court and/or water right holder should contact the person identified below.

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Amended Corrected Recommendation for 63-296 is attached.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on August 20, 2014, I caused to be served true and correct copies of this STIPULATED AMENDED REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF ERROR, to the following persons, in the manner indicated and addressed as follows:

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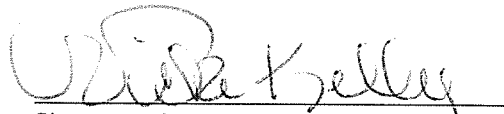
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IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
RECOMMENDED WATER RIGHTS ACQUIRED UNDER STATE LAW

RIGHT NUMBER: 63-296

NAME AND ADDRESS: FARMERS COOPERATIVE DITCH CO
PO BOX 729
PARMA ID 83660

SOURCE: BOISE RIVER

TRIBUTARY: SNAKE RIVER

QUANTITY: 154.450 CFS

Whenever it becomes necessary for the watermaster to deliver this right the following condition shall apply. This right shall receive 100 percent of its decreed quantity until the natural flow of the waters of the Boise River shall decrease so that all rights containing this condition cannot receive 100 percent of their decreed quantities, at which time this right and the other rights containing this condition shall first be cut to 75 percent of their decreed quantities, as the natural flow of the river decreases, beginning with the latest rights containing this condition and proceeding to the earliest rights containing this condition in the order of their priority dates, and after all of the rights containing this condition shall have been reduced to 75 percent of their decreed quantities, should the natural flow of the waters of the river decrease below the amount necessary to supply 75 percent of those decreed quantities, then this right and the other rights containing this condition, beginning with the latest and proceeding to the earliest, shall be reduced to 60 percent of their decreed quantities.

This step-down cut condition shall be implemented before the step-down cut condition contained in water rights identified as originating from the Stewart Decree is implemented. SBF

PRIORITY DATE: 04/01/1905

Pursuant to a call in times of scarcity, this right is junior to water right nos. 63-253, 63-285, 63-292, 63-293 and 63-382B and any future splits of these rights. SBF

POINT OF

DIVERSION: T04N R03W S15 NWNW Lot 5 Within CANYON County

PURPOSE AND

PERIOD OF USE:

<u>PURPOSE OF USE</u>	<u>PERIOD OF USE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>
IRRIGATION	3/15 11/15	154.450 CFS

Diversion for irrigation under this water right prior to April 1 and after October 31 shall occur only when the natural flow in the Boise River below the Star Bridge in Township 04 North, Range 01 West, Section 18, NE¼ of the SE¼ of the SE¼, Boise Meridian (approximate river mile 33.9) is sufficient for water to be available for diversion at the point of diversion described above, provided that any such use of this water right prior to April 1 and after October 31 shall be subordinated to water rights for storage in Lucky Peak Reservoir, Lake Lowell, Arrowrock Reservoir, and/or Anderson Ranch Reservoir, as decreed in SRBA Case No. 39576.

PLACE OF USE:

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.

This right when combined with Right Nos. 63-138C, 63-188, 63-189, 63-190, 63-191, 63-4851, 63-4852 and 63-5262 can be used to irrigate up to 15,093 acres within the boundary of the Farmers Cooperative Ditch Company.

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. Section 42-1412(6), Idaho Code.

The step-down cut condition contained in the quantity element of this partial decree and the subordination condition contained in the priority date element of this partial decree do not modify, amend, or waive any defenses available to this right to a call in times of scarcity. SBF

EXPLANATORY MATERIAL: BASIS OF CLAIM - Decreed