

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 16, 2018  
**TO:** Claim 93-7660  
**FROM:** Sandra Thiel  
**Subject:** Phone Conversation with Stephen Martin

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The Martins bought the property in 2005. They built a house in 2010. They are using the pond for a heating and cooling system for the house. There is a pipe to the bottom of the pond to supply water for the house. Mr. Martin worked with Fish and Game to stock the pond with fish for his grandchildren.

He keeps a small (he didn't know the horsepower) Honda gas pump for landscaping around his house. However, he does not use it for agricultural irrigation. The Martins share a domestic well among four houses and he doesn't want to irrigate from the well. Mr. Martin has planted thousands of trees on the property and he uses a garden hose to water them. The original owner raised cattle on the property and evidently used the pond for stockwater.

The source is a spring in the pond. The pond is full year around and there is a spillway on the west end. The area identified as irrigated on the claim application apparently receives the outflow from the pond. They do not deliberately irrigate that area from the pond. The ground is wet enough from the early season for a neighbor to harvest grass hay from that area.

Imagery evidence supports the ponds historical existence. However, there is not sufficient evidence for 6.7 acres of irrigation. The recommendation will be for one acre of irrigation and beneficial uses for the pond. Mr. Martin should file an application for permit to cover the heating and cooling of the house.