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Governor

May 8, 2019

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Director

CITY OF POTLATCH
C/O SHELLY HAMMONS
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RE: Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) Notice of Claims to a Water Right 87-4042, 87-4043, 87-7004

RESPONSE DEADLINE

DATE: June 10, 2019

Dear Ms. Hammons:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number(s) shown above have been filed in the Palouse River Basin Adjudication. The claim(s) indicate your water usage is based on "Beneficial Use" or "Statutory Claim". Water rights of this type are established by the historic use of water, dating back to when water was first used for the purpose claimed and are termed beneficial use rights. The date of first use, known as the priority date, has not been confirmed by a License, Decree or Permit. Since the priority date and historic use of a beneficial use right cannot be confirmed by field examination, proof must be provided by the claimant supporting the priority date claimed and the historic use of the water.

Enclosed you will find the pamphlet entitled "Evidence of Priority". The pamphlet describes the types of evidence required and suggests which documents will fulfill this requirement.

Plus, claim number 87-7004 shows a change in point of diversion. We will need to have documentation of the date of that change.

Also, Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is planning to conduct water right field examinations in the vicinity of your PRBA claims. The examination is required for the Department to verify the elements of your claims and prepare an accurate recommendation to the PRBA Court concerning your claims.

Please contact me by the date shown above to schedule a field exam at your property to include the water system point of diversion, water use area and/or pipes, storage tanks, equipment, etc., that deliver water to your municipality.

The evidence of priority and documents showing dates of diversion and/or place of use changes should also be submitted by this date.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (208) 762-2802 or by email at linda.werner@idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Werner
Water Resource Agent, Sr.

Enclosures: Evidence of Priority Pamphlet