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RE: Evidence of beneficial use for PRBA Claim 87-10016

Dear Claimants,

The Department of Water Resources has received your Palouse River Basin Adjudication (PRBA) water right claim. We are unable to recommend all of your adjudication claims at this time for the following reason:

The Notice of Claim to a Water Right identified with the number shown above was submitted for the use of water from a groundwater source (well) for domestic and irrigation purposes with a claimed priority date of June 15, 1947. Tax parcel records for the claimed property reflect the year built and provide sufficient evidence for domestic use, which includes the irrigation of ½ acre. However, there was no evidence provided to support the claimed priority date and prove the continued beneficial use of that water for the irrigation of 4 acres. The statutory water right claim that your current claim is based upon is insufficient to serve as evidence of beneficial use as it was never proved up on, nor was a field examination ever performed on the property. We will move forward with the recommendation of your PRBA Water Right claim once provided sufficient evidence to verify the continuous beneficial use of this water source for irrigation purposes within the claimed place of use beginning on or before the priority date claimed. **Please submit the required evidence within 30 days, referencing all documents with the corresponding claim number.**

PLEASE NOTE: IDWR will recommend the Court decree this claim for only domestic use if no further evidence is submitted. It will be to your advantage to provide clear and convincing evidence.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office and we will be happy to help. I can be reached by phone during business hours at 208-762-2800 or by email at evan.roda@idwr.idaho.gov.

Regards,

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