
Review Memo

Date: April 29, 2021

From: Craig Saxton

Re: Claim 87-10357

Summary: Because there is no evidence of priority to support that irrigation occurred prior to the mandatory permit statute for surface water, irrigation use was not recommended. Recommend the stock use only.

Source: Claimed as ground water. No distinct surface water flow supplying the pond except for surface water runoff possibly. The claimant claimed the source as Ground Water. Claimant stated the pond was 25' deep. Appears the pond was dug to a depth below the water table so calling the source ground water is reasonable.

Priority Date: Claimed 12/31/1968. Evidence of a pond can be seen in the 1953 and 1975 photography below. It is not clear if it is a natural pond, but we can see that sometime between 1953 and 1975 the pond was enlarged. Because the recommendation will be for *de minimis* use, can recommend claimed priority date.

Water use: Claimed irrigation but there is no evidence that there has been irrigation before 1963 which is the mandatory permit for ground water. Can recommend the Stockwater and stockwater storage uses with 13k gpd limit.

Volume: Recommend pond volume of 10 AF as claimed. Storage under 14.6 AFA meets the *de minimis* limitations.

Photo Date: 8/11/1953:



Photo Date: 08/14/1975:

