

3/21/2022

Idaho Department of Water Resources

Re: Application for Amendment of permit 63-32423

Dear Director Gary Spackman and Jean Hersley Technical Records Specialist II,

My domestic well may be impacted by this application by Dry Creek Water Co. LLC, I am filing a formal protest against approval of this application. Please note that my water rights are senior.

Please note that Idaho is #8 currently in the country in experiencing moderate to exceptional drought conditions. This year again will be no different. The state is experiencing drought conditions (20-year average): 49,028 sq. mi. (58.7% of land area); 952,433 people (60.8% of population)

--- Moderate drought: 31,561 sq. mi. (37.8% of land area); 606,262 people (38.7% of population)

--- Severe drought: 17,740 sq. mi. (21.2% of land area); 309,847 people (19.8% of population)

--- Extreme drought: 6,253 sq. mi. (7.5% of land area); 99,131 people (6.3% of population)

--- Exceptional drought: 1,139 sq. mi. (1.4% of land area); 18,262 people (1.2% of population)

More than 61% of Idaho is currently abnormally dry, creating issues with snowpack, water levels and crop yields.

With the number of homes in Dry Creek Ranch at the end of last year being less than 300, and the expected number of homes is over 1800, one wouldn't expect that there is impact yet, but with the number of homes increasing six-fold, there certainly will be. Your current monitoring of test wells and surrounding property wells is not a true representation of future demands.

My filing fee is enclosed.

Respectfully,



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