



State of Idaho

## DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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November 5, 2020

GO INVESTMENTS IDAHO LLC  
36358 SAND RD  
PARMA ID 83660

OBENDORF HOP INC  
24034 BATT CORNER RD  
PARMA ID 83660

### RE: Contested Application for Permit No. 63-34905 & 63-34957

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources (Department) advertised permit application no. 63-34905 on June 4 and 11, 2020 with a protest deadline of June 6, 2020. At this time, application 63-34905 was protested by Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) and City of Boise. IDFG withdrew their protest on July 6, 2020.

The Department re-advertised application 63-34905 and advertised application 63-34957 on October 1 and 8, 2020 with a protest deadline of October 19, 2020. City of Boise's original protest against 63-34905 remains active at this time. 63-34905 was further protested by Riverside Irrigation District. City of Boise also submitted protest against permit application 63-34957.

Enclosed are copies of the protests filed against the issuance of each above-referenced application. As part of the application process, the following are options available for resolution of contested (protested) applications:

**-Direct contact** with the protestant to determine what is being disputed in the application and parties attempting to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest.

**-Formal Proceedings** consist of a pre-hearing conference & hearing through the water appropriation statute/rule process. A pre-hearing conference identifies the protest issues and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties. If the issues cannot be resolved, a formal hearing will be scheduled.

**-Mediation** through a certified professional mediator. The advantages can include: reduced costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, the ability to address non-water concerns, more influence over a final settlement, and fast track processing by the Department for parties reaching a mediated agreement. If you are interested in this option, please contact our office for details.

Please consider with the protestant the best option for resolution of the contested application.

**The Department of Water Resources is currently preparing to schedule a combined prehearing conference to discuss both above referenced contested applications.**

Please use the enclosed calendars to identify all days you would be available for a potential prehearing conference by phone or in office for this protested application. Please provide your calendar response by **November 20, 2020**.



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If you would like additional information, or need to further discuss the process, feel free to contact the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anna Kaiser', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Anna Kaiser  
Water Resource Agent

Enclosures:      (2) Protests against application 63-34905  
                         (1) Protest against application 63-34957  
                         (1) Prehearing Availability Calendar

CC:      David Shaw (Applicant Obendorf Hop Inc. representative)  
            Honsinger Law PLLC (Applicant GO Investment Idaho LLC representative)  
            City of Boise (Protestant)  
            Albert Barker (Protestant Riverside Irrigation District Representative)