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Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:09 PM
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Subject: Application for Transfer 83758 (Farmer's Friend Canal Co.)

Dear Parties:

Farmer's Friend Canal Company filed Application for Transfer 83758 in November 2019, proposing to change the point of diversion for water right 1-10504. The application was protested by Progressive Irrigation District. The Department scheduled the case for a pre-hearing conference to be held on February 11, 2020. The conference was cancelled, however, because the companies asked for time to visit some of the water delivery sites on the Farmer's Friend system. I spoke with Mark Barrie on July 1st. He said that the companies had not yet had a chance to meet. I don't know whether the meeting has taken place since then or if there have been any further discussions about this contested case.

If representatives of the companies have not met, please take the steps necessary to organize that meeting. I don't want this case to extend over multiple irrigation seasons. Doing so puts the watermaster in a difficult position. The application file includes a letter from Progressive Irrigation District stating that the district intended to terminate the existing contract to carry water right 1-10504. I don't know whether the carrying contract was actually terminated. The watermaster said that he has not been notified by either company to stop delivering water right 1-10504 at the Progressive headgates.

Please provide an update on the status of the proposed site visit. If I don't hear from either of you by next Friday, I will reschedule a pre-hearing conference to be held in September or October.

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