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EAGLE CREEK HOMEOWNERS ASSN INC  
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RE: Authorization for existing water uses

Dear Eagle Creek HOA:

In June of 2019 I met with Scott Pruett (Eagle Creek HOA) and Ryan Martin (Boardwalk Association Management) to complete the field exam for water right license 63-33946. The final approval of this license was recently signed, and mailed to the HOA.

Based on my review, there were additional uses connected to the irrigation system that are not covered by water right 63-33946. I recommend that Eagle Creek Homeowners Association file a new Application for Permit to seek authorization for the additional uses, which would include:

1. Irrigation of acres that are supplied by the same irrigation system, but not presently covered by an existing right or permit.
2. Storage of groundwater for irrigation.

At the time of the field exam, additional acres in the north east corner of the subdivisions had been added to Eagle Creek's subdivisions after the development period for 63-33946 had ended. There was also a discussion of more acres to be added at a later date. Eagle Creek HOA needs to ensure that all of the acres that are or will be served by the irrigation system connected to the well (groundwater) are included in an authorized place of use.

Based on my exam of the pump capacity from the well, the storage pond next to the well is greater than the volume that the pump can deliver in a 24 hour period. Exceeding the 24 hour fill period represents a probable enlargement of use of the groundwater. The new application for permit should seek authorization for the entire storage volume of the pond.

My recommendation for a new application for permit is with respect to the use of groundwater, and not the use of surface water. If all of the surface water is provided through shares from Ballentyne Ditch Company, I believe that the acres added to Eagle Creek's irrigation system are already within the boundaries of Ballentyne's authorized place of use.

Sincerely,

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