

# MEMORANDUM

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Water Permit: 22-14374

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Subject: Aesthetic Use

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Application 22-14374 proposes a non-consumptive, 1.00 cfs flow-through element for the fire protection pond on the property. The flow through element is meant to keep the pond clean so that the fire truck pump will not get clogged with debris. The application designated this flow-through element as "fire protection". According to the applicant, keeping the pond free of debris is "fire protection." I believe designating the beneficial use as "fire protection" is confusing and could lead to issues in the future. I am not convinced that a "fire protection" water right could be actively diverted if there is not an existing fire. The purpose of the flow through is to keep the pond fresh and free of algae. The more accurate beneficial use is "aesthetic". The permit will designate the 1.00 cfs flow through element as "aesthetic".