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RE: Amendment of Permit 32-7159 (Natural Guardian)

Dear Luke:

On May 16, 1988, the Department issued Permit 32-7159, in the name of Elk Ridge Ranch, Inc., authorizing the diversion of 0.03 cfs from a spring located in the NWNESE of Section 15, T12N, R34E for stockwater use in the NESE of Section 15. Elk Ridge Ranch filed proof of beneficial use on June 23, 1988.

At some point after 1988, the subject property was acquired by Natural Guardian, LLC. Your firm is listed as the authorized representative for Natural Guardian on water right matters and you have represented the company before the Department on multiple occasions in the past.

Department staff completed a field exam for Permit 32-7159 on July 27, 2012. The examiner found that the spring point of diversion and stockwater place of use (trough) were actually located in the NESWSE of Section 15, T12N, R34E. The examiner found a second stockwater trough in the SWSW of Section 14, T12N, R34E, but could not confirm that the second trough was supplied with water from the spring box in the SWSE of Section 15.

In spite of multiple attempts over the last year to get more information about the property, I have been unable to confirm that the second trough is part of the stockwater system to be licensed. Therefore, we will move forward with the licensing process for the one trough located near the spring. Enclosed is an Application for Amendment for Licensing Purposes for Permit 32-7159. If the information contained in the application is accurate, please sign the document and return it to our office with the appropriate filing fee (\$100). Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Cefalo', written in a cursive style.

James Cefalo

Encl: Application for Amendment of Permit 32-7159, Map