WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT No. 1038

This Lease Contract ("Lease") is between the Idaho Water Resource Board ("Board"), and

LESSOR: DEER CREEK RANCH INC 500 NEWPORT CENTER DR STE 440 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660-7004 RECEIVED

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

RECITALS

- 1. The Board is authorized under chapter 17, title 42, Idaho Code to operate a water supply bank and to contract with lessors to act as an intermediary in facilitating the rental of water.
- 2. The Lessor has filed a completed application to lease water rights described below into the Water Supply Bank on forms supplied by the Idaho Department of Water Resources and received by the Department on April 22, 2019.
- 3. The Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources has reviewed the application for compliance with the Water Supply Bank rules and has approved the Lease subject to conditions listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and contracts herein contained, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. WATER RIGHTS: The Lessor shall lease and the Board shall accept into the Bank the Applicant's water rights described as follows:

Water Right No.	Priority Date	Source	Diversio n Rate (CFS)	Diversion Volume (AF)	Acres (AC)
37-466	4/1/1880	DEER CREEK, tributary to BIG WOOD RIVER GROUND WATER, tributary to DEER CREEK	3.65	Not Stated	182.7
37-11329	7/21/1956	GROUND WATER	0.93	187.0	53.4
		Combined Lease Totals	3.65	Not Stated	182.7

Summary of Water Rights or Portions Leased to the Bank

2. **COMPENSATION**: The Lessor shall accept and the Board shall pay compensation determined by the amount of water rented under the following rental rate during such times as the water is rented from the Bank over the term of this Lease.

Minimum Payment Acceptable: Current Rental Rate

- 3. **TERM OF LEASE**: The term of this lease shall be January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2024. This Lease shall bind the parties and take effect when both parties have signed it.
- 4. WATER SUPPLY BANK CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE: The Lessor shall abide by all terms and conditions contained in the Water Supply Bank Conditions of Acceptance, attached hereto as "Attachment A" and incorporated herein by this reference.

SUPPORT DATA NEILE # 37-466

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- 5. CHANGE OF WATER RIGHT: This lease specifies water right elements including but not limited to: diversion rates; diversion volumes; number of acres authorized to be irrigated; places of use; points of diversion; beneficial uses; and seasons of use. During the term of this lease, if a water right is administratively changed due to a water right split and renumbering, this lease may be reduced by an equal amount to reflect the water right elements as legally defined under the water right. If a lease contract cannot be reduced sufficient to reflect the legal definition of a water right as amended through a water right split and/or water right transfer, the Board may release the water right from the Water Supply Bank.
- 6. ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACT: This lease is between the Board and the Lessor, who is the recognized owner or designated representative of the recognized owners of water rights described herein. Should ownership of any part of a water right herein described change during the term of this lease, either through a water right split, a water right transfer, sale of property to which the water right is appurtenant, or through any other recognized water right reassignment, the lease benefits and obligations to the conditions of acceptance for any such water rights will be assigned to the new owners.
- 7. **DUPLICATE ORIGINAL**: This Lease is executed in duplicate. Each of the documents with an original signature of each party shall be an original.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Contract on the date following their respective signatures.

LESSOR: DEER CREEK RANCH INC

500 NEWPORT CENTER DR STE 440

NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660-7004 12 Enh By CFO Title 1/9/7020 Date

IDAHO WATER RESOURCE BOARD 322 East Front Street P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0098

By

Brian Patton, Acting Administrator Idaho Water Resource Board

Lease approved by IDWR

Date 01/23/20

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ATTACHMENT A

WATER SUPPLY BANK CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

The water rights or portions thereof leased to the bank are described as follows:

Source and Location of	f Point(s) of Dive	rsion for Wat	ter Right No(s	s): 37-1132	9, 37-466
GROUND WATER	NENESE	Sec. 26	Twp 03N	Rge 17E	BLAINE County
GROUND WATER	SESESE	Sec. 30	Twp 03N	Rge 18E	BLAINE County
GROUND WATER	NESESE	Sec. 30	Twp 03N	Rge 18E	BLAINE County
Source and Location of	Point(s) of Dive	rsion for Wat	er Right No(s	s): 37-466	
DEER CREEK	NESESE	Sec. 30	Twp 03N	Rge 18E	BLAINE County
GROUND WATER	SESESW	Sec. 30	Twp 03N	Rge 18E	BLAINE County
GROUND WATER	NWNESW	Sec. 30	Twp 03N	Rge 18E	BLAINE County

		Seas	ion of	Use	Diversion	Volume (AF)	
Water Right	Beneficial Use	From		То	Rate (CFS)		
37-11329	IRRIGATION	04/15	to	10/31	0.930 cfs	639.5 af	
37-466	IRRIGATION	04/15	to	10/31	3.650 cfs	187.0 af	
		1		Totals:	3.650 cfs	639.5 af	

PLACES OF USE TO BE IDLED UNDER THIS LEASE: IRRIGATION

Twp	Rng	Sec		N	E			N\	N			SI	N	_		S	E		Tatala
Twp	ring	Sec	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	NE	NW	SW	SE	Totals
03N	17E	25					<		5.6	13.0	26.0	28.0							72.6
03N	17E	26				2.1		12	L.	T _k (5.0		14.0	22.0	37.0	19.0	11.0		110.1

Total Acres: 182.7

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS OF ACCEPTANCE

- 1. The water rights referenced above will be rented from the bank at the current rental rate.
- 2. There is no rental payment to the lessor of the water right if the right or a part thereof is not rented from the bank.
- 3. While a right is in the bank, the lessor may <u>not</u> use the right without approval of the Department even if the right is not rented from the bank. Any violation of the terms of this lease may result in enforcement procedures pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-351 for illegal diversion and use of water and may include civil penalties pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1701B.
- 4. A right accepted into the bank stays in the bank until the Board releases it, or the lease term expires. A right may be released from the bank upon request, provided the Board approves the release. Unless approved by the Department, leased rights may not be immediately available for release.
- 5. While a water right is in the bank, forfeiture provisions are stayed pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-223(5).
- 6. Rental of water under this right is subject to the limitations and conditions of approval of the water right.
- 7. Failure of the right holder to comply with the conditions of acceptance is cause for the Director to rescind acceptance of the lease.

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- Acceptance of a right into the bank does not, in itself, confirm the validity of the right or any elements of the water right, or improve the status of the right including the notion of resumption of use. It does not preclude the opportunity for review of the validity of this water right in any other Department application process.
- In accordance with Idaho Code § 42-248 and § 42-1409(6), all owners of water rights are required to notify the Department of any changes in mailing address or change in ownership of all or part of a water right. Notice must be provided within 120 days of the change.
- 10. If a water right leased into the Water Supply Bank is sold or conveyed during the lease term, and if the leased right was rented, the rental proceeds will be disbursed in the following manner regardless of any arrangements between the buyer(s) and seller(s) to the contrary:
 - a. Rental payments will go to the lessor(s) of record at the beginning of the rental season, even if the Department processes a Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership during the rental season.
 - b. New lessor(s) of record will receive payment for any subsequent rental seasons.
- 11. The water right(s) is leased to the bank subject to all prior water rights and shall be administered in accordance with Idaho law and applicable rules of the Department of Water Resources.
- 12. The right holder shall make full beneficial use of the unleased extent of right 37-466 prior to diversion and use under the unleased extent of right 37-11329. The right holder shall limit the diversion of ground water under the unleased extent of right 37-11329 to those times when the unleased extent of right 37-466 is not available or is not reasonably sufficient to irrigate the place of use authorized under this right.
- 13. If the unleased extent of right 37-466 appurtenant to the place of use is sold, transferred, leased or used on any other place of use, the unleased extent of right 37-11329 shall not be used without an approved transfer pursuant to Section 42-222, Idaho Code, or approval of the Department if a transfer is not required.
- 14. Use of water under this right may be regulated by a watermaster with responsibility for the distribution of water among appropriators within a water district. At the time of this approval, this water right is within State Water District No. 37.
- 15. The diversion of up to 3.65 cfs of ground water shall be contingent upon an equivalent amount of water being measured at a point in Deer Creek within the SESW, S26, T3N, R17E.
- 16. If flows less than 3.65 cfs are measured in Deer Creek, ground water diversions under a rental of these water rights shall be reduced accordingly. Such pumping reductions must be made within 24 hours of the measurement showing reduced flows.
- 17. Water right 37-11329 when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.02 cfs per acre nor more than 3.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
- 18. Water right 37-466 when combined with all other rights shall provide no more than 0.02 cfs per acre nor more than 3.5 afa per acre at the field headgate for irrigation of the place of use.
- 19. The unleased extent of water rights 37-466 and 37-11329 are limited to the irrigation of a specific 306.3 acres within the 714.9 acre place of use authorized by these water rights in a single irrigation season. The specific 306.3 acres authorized to be irrigated have been identified by submittal of a land list and a representative electronic shape file and map.
- 20. The unleased extent of water rights 37-466 and 37-11329 when combined shall not exceed a total diversion rate of 6.13 cfs and the irrigation of 306.3 acres.

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- 21. The right holder shall maintain a measuring device and lockable controlling works of a type approved by the Department in a manner that will provide the watermaster suitable control of both ground water and surface water diversions.
- 22. Diversion of groundwater is limited to those times water is available for diversion under this right and priority from Deer Creek.
- 23. Any subsequent transfer of the point of diversion described under water right 37-466 will require evidence that the new point of diversion has a direct and immediate hydraulic connection to Deer Creek.

Idaho Water Resource Board Water Supply Bank Lease Contract No. 1038

34-466 & 37-11329 Effective until December 31, 2024

This map depicts the **place of use to be idled** pursuant to the lease contract and is attached to the contract solely for illustrative purposes.





APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK

APR 2 2 2019 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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Designated Applicant		Water Right No.	37-466	
	(Select one owner – see item 1A on the application)		(One water	right per application)
Is this application bein	g submitted with a rental application as a lease/rental pac	kage?	Yes 🗌	No 🗸

This application must be prepared in accordance with the minimum requirement checklist below. Use this checklist to ensure all necessary documentation has been provided. This checklist is part of the lease application and must be included with the lease application. Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be processed and may be returned or denied.

			MIMUMUM REQUIREMENT CHECKLIST
		All it	tems must be checked as either Attached (Yes) or Not Applicable (N/A)
		Yes	
		\checkmark	Completed Application to Sell or Lease a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank.
			Application filing fee of \$250.00 per water right. If you are submitting more than one lease application and the water rights have an overlapping, common place of use, or a common diversion rate or volume, the total fee for all water rights is \$500.00. For places of use, multiple water rights must be used to irrigate the same lands in order to qualify for the joint filing fee. Individual filing fees are required for water rights that share a common permissible place of use but which cover separate acres within the permissible place of use.
		7	Confirmation this form has been printed single sided, per requirement of the Water Supply Bank.
Attachment	N/A	Yes	
1A		<	Signatures and contact information for <i>all owners</i> of the water right to be leased or sold on this application.
1B	\checkmark		An Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form W-9 for the Designated Applicant.
1C	\checkmark		Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership form (accessible from www.idwr.idaho.gov).
1D	V		Contact information for an authorized representative and documentary proof they are authorized to represent the Designated Applicant on this application. If the Designated Applicant is a business, partnership, municipality, organization or association, include documents identifying officers authorized to sign or act on behalf of the entity.
2		\checkmark	Description of a water right portion offered to the Water Supply Bank.
3	\checkmark		A map that clearly outlines the specific location where irrigated acres will be dried up, or where a beneficial use of water will be suspended. You have the option of printing a map using the map tool on IDWR's website at: <u>www.idwr.idaho.gov</u> .
4A	\checkmark		Written consent from irrigation district or water delivery company.
4G	✓	\checkmark	Evidence demonstrating the water right has not been forfeited pursuant to <u>Section 42-222(2)</u> , Idaho <u>Code</u> .
Department Us	e Only	_	0
Fee Amount \$	25)	Received By: Date Received: 4/22/16 Receipt # (10/0/17
W-9 received?	Yes	No 🗆	(Route W-9 to Fiscal) Name on W-9: Deer Creeh Bourch, Thr

APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT

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1. CONTACT INFORMATION

A. This application must be completed by a Designated Applicant who is a current owner of the water right being sold or leased to the Water Supply Bank. If there are additional current owners, those individuals must authorize the Designated Applicant to represent them on this application by completing and signing Attachment 1A of this application package.

	Designated Applicant Deer Creek Ranch, Inc.			
	Mailing Address 500 Newport Center Dr., Suite 440, Ne	wport Beach	, CA 92660	
	Street	City	State	Zip Code
	Email Address sward@irvinecompany.com	Pł	none Number 949-720-3405	
	The Designated Applicant is the sole owner of the water	r right being s	old or leased to the Water Suppl	y Bank.
	OR			
	The Designated Applicant is representing additional wat	ter right holde	rs who have completed Attachm	ent 1A.
B.	Has the Designated Applicant submitted an IRS Form W-9 the If no, complete the form and attach to this application (Attachment		nent within the last 2 years?	Yes 🗌 No 🗸
C.	Are all applicants on this form listed in IDWR's records as the If no, attach a Notice of Change in Water Right Ownership form all			Yes 🗹 No 🗌 chment 1C).
D.	Is this application being completed by an authorized represent If yes, representatives (includes employees of Designated Applican of their authority to represent the Designated Applicant (Attachmen	nt companies) m		Yes 🔽 No 🗌 it documentary proof
	Name of Representative Jonas Reagan	Organization	BARKER ROSHOLT & SIM	PSON, LLP
	Professional Title Attorney	Email Addre	ess jreagan@idahowaters.com	1
	Mailing Address PO Box 63, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303-0	063	Phone Number (208) 73	33-0700
	Send all correspondence for this application to the repres	sentative and	not to the Designated Applicant.	
	OR			

Send original correspondence to the Designated Applicant and copies to the representative.

2. DESCRIPTION OF WATER RIGHT OFFERED TO THE BANK

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The full water right is being offered to the Bank. OR

A part of the water right is being offered to the Bank. If a portion of the water right is being offered, complete Attachment 2.

3. MAP

Attach a map of the point(s) of diversion and place(s) of use proposed to be idled by this lease application. Make sure the idled place of use is outlined and annotated with legal land descriptions (Township, Range, Section and Quarter-Quarters) or with GPS coordinates. For irrigation purposes, mark the number of acres you desire to idle. If the water right proposed for lease is located within a permissible place of use (PPU) and portions of the PPU will continue to receive water from non-leased water rights, clearly outline on a map the acres within the PPU that will continue to be irrigated, as well as acres that will be idled during the lease term. Label the map Attachment 3.

APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT

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4. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Is the diversion works or system owned or managed by an irrigation district or water delivery company? Yes 🗌 No 🔽 If yes, provide written consent from the company, corporation or irrigation district authorizing the proposed sale or lease (Attachment 4A).

If your water right is delivered through a canal, lateral or ditch operated by a canal company, irrigation district, or similar delivery entity, your lease request must include written consent from the company, district, or similar entity for your removal of water from its system pursuant to <u>Section 42-108</u>, <u>Idaho Code</u> and <u>IDAPA WSB Rule 37.02.03.25.02e</u>.

- B. Please provide a description of the current water diversion and delivery system.
 Water is pumped from wells and diverted through pipelines to pivots and other sprinklers throughout the POU.
- C. Describe any other water rights used for the same purpose at the same place of use as the water right being offered to the Bank. None
- D. Are any of the water rights identified in Section 4C stacked with the water right proposed for lease? Yes \checkmark No \square Stacked water rights are used together to achieve a common beneficial use, such as irrigation of the same lands. Stacked water rights cannot be separated and must be jointly leased to the Water Supply Bank. Stacked water rights qualify for the multiple fee payment of \$500.
- E. Will the present place of use continue to receive water from any other source? Yes No 🗹 If yes, explain the relationship between the different water sources and how enlargement of the authorized use will not occur if this water right is leased.
- F. Identify annual volumes and/or rates of water diverted in the last 5 years to accomplish the beneficial use authorized by this water right. This right has been leased to the WSB for the past 5-years, expiring on December 31, 2019.
- G. Has any portion of this water right undergone a period of five or more consecutive years of non-use? Yes ☑ No □ If yes, describe the circumstances and attach evidence to demonstrate how the water right has not been lost through forfeiture (Attachment 4G). See Section 42-223, Idaho Code for exceptions to forfeiture. Your application may be denied if forfeiture concerns are not addressed. This right has been leased to the WSB for the past 5-years, expiring on December 31, 2019.
- H. Is this water right involved in any other IDWR process, such as an application for transfer or a mitigation plan?
 If yes, describe.
 Yes No 🗸

APPLICATION TO SELL OR LEASE A WATER RIGHT

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5. SALE/LEASE AGREEMENT

- A. Is the water right, or portion thereof, offered to the Idaho Water Resource Board (IWRB) for sale or lease ?? If lease, specify the years when the use of water will be suspended: <u>2020</u> to <u>2024</u> (maximum lease period 5 calendar years). (Year) (Year)
- B. Show the minimum payment acceptable to the seller/lessor. The minimum payment may be shown as the "current rental rate" as established by the IWRB. Include the method of determining the minimum payment if other than the current rental rate. Current rental rate.

I hereby assert that the information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and that I have the authorities necessary to offer this water right for sale or lease to the Idaho Water Resource Board.

The Designated Applicant acknowledges the following:

- 1. Payment to the Designated Applicant is contingent upon the sale or rental of the water right from the Bank.
- 2. While a water right is in the Bank, the seller/lessor of the water right may not use the water right, even if the water right is not rented from the Bank.
- 3. A water right accepted into the Bank stays in the Bank until the Designated Applicant receives written confirmation from the Board or Water Supply Bank that the water right has been released from the Bank.
- 4. While a water right is in the Bank, forfeiture is stayed.
- 5. Acceptance of a water right into the Bank does not, in itself, confirm the validity of the water right or any element of the water right.

Signature of Designated Applicant Signature of Authorized Representative

Stephen Ward

Printed Name

Jonas A. Reagan

Printed Name

Date Date

Mail to: Idaho Department of Water Resources P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0098

Complete Attachment 2 if only a portion of the water right is offered to the Bank.

ATTACHMENT 2

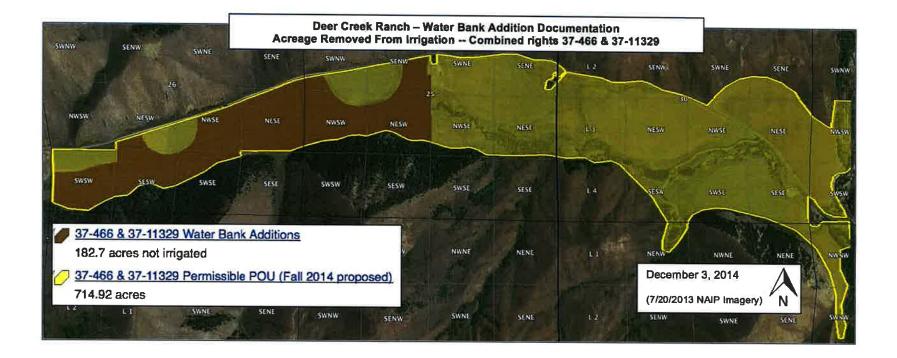
DESCRIPTION OF A WATER RIGHT PORTION OFFERED TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK

1.	Water Right Number	Nature of Use	Leased Rate (cfs)	Leased Volume	Leased Acres
	37-466	Irrigation	3.65 CFS	(af)	(ac) 182.7
			;;		
		Total Amounts:	3.65 CFS		182.7 ACRES

2. Source of water _____ Groundwater/Deer Creek _____ tributary to ______

3. Point(s) of diversion:

Twp	Rge	Sec	Lot	1/4	1/4	1/4	County
3N	17E	26		NE	NE	SE	BLAINE
	18E	30		NW	NE	SW	BLAINE
				SE	SE	SW	BLAINE
				NE	SE	SE	BLAINE (DEER CREEK & GW)
				SE	SE	SE	BLAINE





State of Idaho DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES 322 E Front Street, Suite 648 • PO Box 83720 • Boise ID 83720-0098 Phone: (208) 287-4800 • Fax: (208) 287-6700 Website: idwr.idaho.gov • Email: idwrinfo@idwr.idaho.gov

BRAD LITTLE Governor January 24, 2020 GARY SPACKMAN Director

DEER CREEK RANCH INC 500 NEWPORT CENTER DR STE 440 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660-7004

RE: WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE CONTRACT 1038 FOR WATER RIGHTS 37-466, 37-11329

Dear Lessor:

Water rights **37-466**, **37-11329** were leased into the Water Supply Bank (Bank) as of January 1, 2020, in accordance with the enclosed executed lease contract. Your water rights, as described on the lease contract, are considered leased into the Bank and should remain <u>unused</u> until they are formally released from the Bank. More information and further restrictions placed on your water rights while leased can be found in conditions of acceptance of the lease contract. Read the conditions of acceptance carefully.

The rights will automatically be released from the Bank on **December 31, 2024**, unless the rights are released earlier by the Water Resource Board (Board). On behalf of the Board, the Department of Water Resources (Department) can evaluate an early release of the lease contract upon your request. To release the water rights from the Bank prior to the release date, submit a written request on the *Request to Release a Water Right from the Bank* form. This form is available on our public website at <u>www.idwr.idaho.gov</u>. Please note your water rights may not be available for immediate release if they have been rented or are being considered for a future rental. Furthermore, it is at the discretion of the Department whether or not a water right can be released early from a lease contract.

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at <u>bank@idwr.idaho.gov</u> or 208-287-4800.

Sincerely.)aled

Enclosure: Executed Lease Contract

c: Corey Skinner - IDWR Southern Region Kevin Lakey – Water District 37 Jonas Reagan – Barker Rosholt & Simpson



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BRAD LITTLE Governor

January 9, 2020

GARY SPACKMAN Director

DEER CREEK RANCH INC 500 NEWPORT CENTER DR STE 440 NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660-7004

RE: APPLICATION TO LEASE WATER RIGHT 37-466, 37-11329 TO THE WATER SUPPLY BANK CONTRACT 1038

****TIME SENSITIVE RESPONSE REQUIRED***

Dear Applicant:

The Department of Water Resources has completed its review of your application to lease the abovementioned water right to the Water Supply Bank. I have enclosed two original Water Supply Bank Lease Contracts for your review and signature. Please sign and return ALL Lease Contracts within 14 days. Upon signature and return of the contracts, the Department will also sign the original contracts and return an executed copy to you. The Lease Contract is not considered final until you and the Department have both signed.

The right will automatically be released from the Bank on **December 31, 2024**, unless the right is released earlier by the Board, or upon your request. To release the right from the Bank prior to the release date, submit a written request on the <u>Request to Release a Water Right from the Bank</u> form. To propose a new lease period, submit a new <u>Application to Sell or Lease a Water Right to the Water Supply Bank</u> form along with applicable fees to the Department. These forms are available from any IDWR office or from our public website at <u>http://www.idwr.idaho.gov</u>. Please note your right may not be available for immediate release if it has been rented.

Please review the conditions of acceptance listed on the Lease Contract, including #3 which says: "While a right is in the bank, **the lessor may <u>not</u> use the right** without approval of the department even if the right is not rented from the bank. Any violation of the terms of this lease may result in enforcement procedures pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-351 for illegal diversion and use of water and may include civil penalties pursuant to Idaho Code § 42-1701B."

If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact this office at 287-4800.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: Proposed Lease Contracts Receipt # C106617

c: Jonas Reagan – Barker Rosholt & Simpson

To: Water Rights 37-466 & 37-11329

From: Justin Ferguson

Date: 9/19/19

Re: Water Supply Bank Lease Application 1404

Purpose/Narrative: The application was received on April 22, 2019 requesting to put a portion of both water right nos. 34-466 & 37-11329 into the bank. Effectively, the two water rights authorize a combined total irrigation of 489.0 acres within a 714.9 acre permissible place of use (PPU). Per a "206 Map" provided in conjunction with Transfer 79711 (submitted in 2015), approximately 307 acres will be irrigated, leaving a balance of 182.7 acres within the PPU unirrigated. Similar to a prior lease, submitted in 2015 concurrent with Transfer 79711, this lease application proposes to protect from forfeiture the right to irrigate the remaining balance of 182.7 acres within the PPU. The acreage being idled is the same as the previous lease.

Authority to File: The application was signed and submitted by Jonas A Reagan for Deer Creek Ranch. While it was not signed by the applicant, the previous lease was also prepared and submitted by Mr. Reagan's firm.

Water Right Validity/Forfeiture Evaluation: The water rights were decreed in 2009 and used until they were placed in the bank from 2015-2019. The applicant wishes to renew their lease and continue to protect from forfeiture the right to irrigate 182.7 acres. No concerns about validity at this time.

Injury Evaluation: No injury is apparent through the lease alone. The source of water under water right 37-466 is Deer Creek surface water, and ground water tributary to Deer Creek. To avoid injury, any rental of ground water under 37-466 should be limited to ground water tributary to Deer Creek.

Enlargement of Use: No enlargement is apparent through the lease alone. A review of near-infrared and color satellite imagery suggests the portions of the water right place of use proposed to be idled through the lease are riparian and naturally vegetated throughout the year. It may not constitute enlargement if natural vegetation occurs at the place of use if/while these water rights are rented.

Local Public Interest: Staff are unaware of any local public interests that are averse to the lease.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: The lease appears consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

Department/Watermaster Comments: Watermaster for district 37 and IDWR Southern Region comments were requested December 13, 2019.

Water Supply Bank Evaluation: Based on the information presented by the applicant, staff recommend the application be approved.



Jonas A. Reagan

EMAIL: jreagan@idahowaters.com PHONE: 208.733.0700 WEB: idahowaters.com

April 19, 2019

Idaho Department of Water Resources P.O. Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0098



Twin Falls 163 Second Ave. West P.O. Box 63 Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 p. 208.733.0700 f. 208.735.2444

Attorneys

John A. Rosholt Albert P. Barker John K. Simpson Travis L. Thompson Shelley M. Davis Scott A. Magnuson Jonas A. Reagan

RECEIVED APR 2 2 2019 DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Re: Deer Creek Ranch, Inc. – Applications to Sell or Lease Water Right to the Water Supply Bank (Water Rights 37-466 and 37-11329)

To Whom it May Concern:

Enclosed, please find the Applications to Sell or Lease Water Right to the Water Supply Bank regarding Deer Creek Ranch, Inc. water right numbers 37-466 and 37-11329.

Also enclosed, please find check number 1585 in the amount of \$500 for the associated fees.

Should you have any questions, please contact Jonas A. Reagan at (208) 733-0700.

Thank you,

Jessica Nielsen Assistant for Jonas A. Reagan

Enclosures JAR/jn