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Cc: Cox, Sharla
Subject: Application 82318 (Telford Lands) - Updated Memo from Dennis Owsley

Dear Parties,

Dennis Owsley has agreed to update his April 2013 technical memo addressing the following questions:

- 1) Update the description of the general hydrogeology of the Big Lost River basin if there have been changes to the hydrogeology of the basin or the aquifer units/sub-units since April 2013.
- 2) What would be the impact on the rising water if the full diversion rate authorized by the eight ground water rights included in the transfer application (29.84 cfs) were diverted from the Island Wells and/or the proposed Hansen Well? Would the analysis change if the Island Wells were limited to a diversion rate of 17.34 cfs?
- 3) Do any of the proposed points of diversion described in Application 82318 divert water from the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer?
- 4) At the site of the proposed Hansen Well, would casing the well (no perforations) to a depth of 100 feet prevent an impact on rising water?
- 5) References to the Parkinson Farms application or the specific details of that application can be removed.

Mr. Owsley is heavily involved in measurement and analysis of water levels in the ESPA over the next two months. He estimated that an updated memo for this contested case could be completed by the end of January. During the pre-hearing conference, we set a possible hearing date of March 6th and 7th, 2019. I have asked Sharla Cox to schedule a telephone status conference to discuss whether the hearing date should be moved and when the parties would like to set the deadlines for expert reports.

I don't have an email address for the City of Arco, who is still an active protestant in this case, so they were not included on this email. During the pre-hearing conference, the applicant represented that the city's protest had been withdrawn. I have not yet received any paperwork confirming the withdrawal.

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From: Cefalo, James
Sent: Monday, October 01, 2018 1:35 PM
To: Owsley, Dennis
Cc: Vincent, Sean
Subject: Application for Transfer 82318 (Telford Lands LLC)

Dennis,

In April 2013, you completed a technical memo related to Application for Transfer 77610, which was filed by Parkinson Farms. Your memo addressed a series of questions posed by the parties to that contested case about the hydrogeology of the Big Lost River basin and the possible impacts of the proposed transfer.

In April 2018, Telford Lands LLC filed Application for Transfer 82318, proposing to make changes to eight ground water rights and one surface water right in the Big Lost River basin. The full application can be accessed in the backfile for water right 34-2401A. The application has been protested. On August 28, 2018, I conducted a pre-hearing conference for the contested application. During the conference, there was a significant amount discussion about the contents of your April 2013 memo. The parties asked if the memo could be updated or amended to address the pending contested application. I have spoken to Sean Vincent about asking you to update the April 2013 memo and he has agreed to your participation. The parties would like you to prepare an updated memo addressing the following items:

- 1) Update the description of the general hydrogeology of the Big Lost River basin if there have been changes to the hydrogeology of the basin or the aquifer units/sub-units since April 2013.
- 2) What would be the impact on the rising water if the full diversion rate authorized by the eight ground water rights included in the transfer application (29.84 cfs) were diverted from the Island Wells and/or the proposed Hansen Well? Would the analysis change if the Island Wells were limited to a diversion rate of 17.34 cfs?
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Would you be willing to take on this assignment? If so, could you let me know when the updated memo might be completed? I know this is a busy time of the year for you, so I understand if the memo update might take a few months to complete. The parties would like to schedule any future deadlines or dates for the contested case, based on your estimated time frame for completion.

Thanks,

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