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From: Cefalo, James
Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2018 1:21 PM
To: Randy Budge
Subject: Applications 80077 and 80080 (Bryce Crane)

Randy,

In March 2015, you filed two transfer applications for Bryce Crane seeking to update water rights in the Georgetown area. Both applications were protested. Both applications were protested by Redwood Farmland Holdings LLC, represented by Peter Volk, an attorney out of Moscow. Application 80077, which involved a ground water right, was protested by Quinn Jensen.

We conducted a pre-hearing conference on October 28, 2015. My notes from the conference state that the issues of protest were largely resolved. You offered to compose a settlement agreement to facilitate the withdrawal of the protests and agreed to circulate the stipulation to the protestants by the end of November 2015.

Because one of the applications involved a statutory claim, Blake was working with Bryce Crane to collect the information needed to establish the priority date and historical beneficial use. One of the rights was also in the name of a loosely-organized canal company. Blake was also working with Bryce to provide evidence that Bryce has the authority to make the proposed changes. We are still waiting on Mr. Crane to provide certain documents. It has been a long process getting the documents from Mr. Crane.

It sounds like the needed documents have been collected by Mr. Crane and we are moving closer to approval. We can't approve the transfers, however, until the protests have been officially withdrawn.

Can you look back through your files to see if an agreement was prepared and signed by the protestants? If so, will you send me a copy of those withdrawal of protest documents? If not, we need to reinitiate the settlement process. These two transfers are now the oldest transfers in our region and I would like to get them moving forward again.

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