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RE: Contested Applications for Permit Nos. 63-34333 & 63-34334

Dear Applicant:

Enclosed are copies of the protest filed against the issuance of the above-referenced applications. As part of the application process, the following are options available for resolution of contested (protested) applications:

-Direct contact with the protestant(s) to determine what is being disputed in the application and parties attempting to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).

-Formal Proceedings consist of a pre-hearing conference & hearing through the water appropriation statute/rule process. A pre-hearing conference identifies the protest issues and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties. If the issues cannot be resolved, a formal hearing will be scheduled.

-Mediation through a certified professional mediator. The advantages can include: reduced costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, the ability to address non-water concerns, more influence over a final settlement, and fast track processing by the Department for parties reaching a mediated agreement. If you are interested in this option, please contact our office for details.

Please consider with the protestant the best option for resolution of the contested applications.

If you would like additional information, or need to further discuss the process, feel free to contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,



Kachel Neely for:

Nick Miller
Western Regional Manager

Cc: McConnel Island Ditch Co LTD- Albert Barker, Greg Obendorf- Charles Honsinger, & IDFG- Tom Bassista

Enclosures: (1) Protest filed 5/25/17, (1) Protest filed 6/2/17, & (1) Protest filed 6/5/17