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April 12, 2017

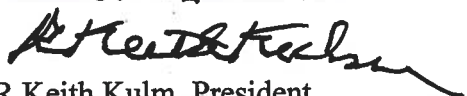
To Whom it may concern:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated March 9, 2017 regarding the subject of water right 36-7270 in the name of Karl C. Freeman. In that letter, you state that the lot owners of River View Drive in the development of Country Club Estates each own a 1/14th share, which you further request them (us) to abandon. Also included in the letter is a map, and a "Notice of Abandonment of Water Rights" form, along with a request that we send you a copy of our deed to our property. After some research, and consulting with each property owner, I called the Department of Water Resources and spoke with Senior Water Right Agent Neal Erickson. I explained to him that none of the property owners were aware of and not only reluctant, but refused to provide a notarized form of abandonment, let alone provide a copy of their deed. He responded with the recommendation that if we wanted to retain the share and right, that we must pay the \$25 annual assessment fee. As the Country Club Estates Homeowner Association President, I told him we would gladly pay the fee, as an association, if the Department would simply transfer the share from Karl Freeman's name (who has been deceased for 20 years) and into the name of Country Club Estates. Further, the residents of River View Drive are not a "sub-association", and no one is willing to take that ancillary responsibility.

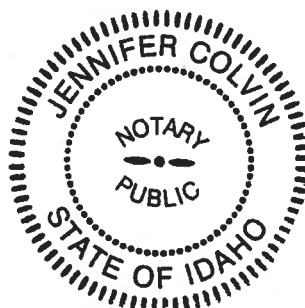
Yesterday, Mr. Erickson called me and relayed the fact that the Department of Water Resources was not willing, or able to make such a transfer. It is unfortunate that the water users, even though the source has not been used in many years, are now being held accountable for a mistake by the Department for not recording or keeping track of the rights, as the property was disposed of by Mr. Freeman many years ago. And, I relayed my disappointment to Mr. Erikson as such with the term "shame on you for holding us accountable for your mistake managing your own policy". At that time, he hung up the phone without further discussion.

Since it is my understanding that any verbal communication with the Department of Water Resources, Southern Region is closed, I wish to restate my proposal to resolve your issue with water right 36-7270: Transfer said right to Country Club Estates, Inc. 247 River Vista Place, Ste. 101, Twin Falls, ID. The current assessment fee will be paid (without paying any past fees).

Awaiting your formal reply,



R.Keith Kulm, President
Country Club Estates HOA



cc:
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STATE OF Idaho
COUNTY OF Twin Falls
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 13 DAY OF April, 2017.
BY Keith Kulm


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Mr. Comm. Ex. 4/6/19