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**RE: Contested Applications for Transfer: #79101 Astle
#79102 Order of Tranquility**

Dear Parties:

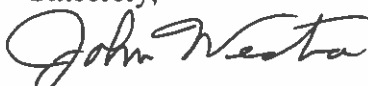
The above applications for transfer have been advertised for public notice recently. Both applications have been protested by the BLM regarding the lack of a right of way to transport a new water right in an existing conveyance (Bybee Canal) across BLM lands.

Matters regarding right of ways/access are not part of the Department contested case/hearing processes. The matter will need to be resolved between parties, and the protest withdrawn for the Department to continue processing the applications.

An applicant may request in writing that commencement of processing of their application be delayed for a period not to exceed one year or that processing be interrupted for a period not exceed six months. The Department will contact you around January 1, 2015 for an update on progress toward resolution of the matter.

Should you have questions, please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 208-334-2190.

Sincerely,



John Westra, Manager

Enclosures: Protests