

Grimm, Angie

From: Lester, Steve
Sent: Friday, November 21, 2014 3:59 PM
To: Luke, Tim
Cc: Grimm, Angie
Subject: RE: Blue Gulch CGWA POU

Tim:

Angie agreed to be Western's assistant for this. She will be a good contact person as this effort expands in Western. So Rob or whoever you have on this can work directly with her.

This type of experience will be good as we get farther along for Bs 61 water district.

Steve

From: Luke, Tim
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2014 9:24 AM
To: Lester, Steve
Subject: RE: Blue Gulch CGWA POU

Thanks Steve. I know you are short handed right now. If you want to involve someone there on this matter, it would help us a ton if they did the water right and total irrigated area review/calculations based on imagery review to determine excess acres. We could also do that eventually if you are really shorthanded. Rob or I can follow-up with actual NOV and compliance conference etc but involve you or your person as much as you would like.

Tim

From: Lester, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 8:14 AM
To: Luke, Tim
Subject: RE: Blue Gulch CGWA POU

Tim:

We're not aware of any problem but almost never hear anything from that area. I do have someone here in mind to help with that, will get back to you on that soon.

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From: Luke, Tim
Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 8:59 AM
To: Lester, Steve
Cc: Whitney, Rob
Subject: Blue Gulch CGWA POU

Steve,

While doing some research and familiarizing myself with the Blue Gulch Critical GWA, I stumbled upon some irrigated areas that don't seem to have any overlapping water rights. Attached is a pdf showing the areas. All of the areas without water rights are owned by Big Sky Dairy.

I'm just giving you a heads up now and curious if you or any staff there may be aware of a potential problem here. I think this is one that we should further investigate through coordination with Rob but wondering if there is someone there who may want to work on this one? I will soon be embarking on a project to begin addressing expansion rights in CGWAs now that the SRBA is completed. As part of that effort, we probably should start being proactive on potential unauthorized irrigation in CGWAs, so we probably want to make this Big Sky issue a priority this winter.

Tim

