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December 9, 2015

L. WAYNE SHEPHERD, P.E.
CITY OF MOUNTAIN HOME
PO BOX 10
MOUNTAIN HOME ID 83647

RE: WATER SUPPLY BANK LEASE RELEASE REQUEST FOR WATER RIGHT NO(S). 61-2188 AND 61-7151 DENIED.

Dear Lessor:

On December 8, 2015 the Department of Water Resources (Department) received your request to cancel the existing Water Supply Bank (Bank) Lease Contract executed on July 20, 2006. These rights remain rented from the Bank through the end of 2016. This means that this request cannot be approved at this time.

Prior to the transfer of these water rights to the City of Mountain Home, an Acknowledgement and Agreement was signed on 7/29/2014 by Mayor Tom Rist. I have enclosed a copy of that agreement for your records.

The rights will automatically be released from the Bank upon the conclusion of the current rental agreement on **December 31, 2016**.

The Department is currently processing payments for the 2015 rental season. You can anticipate a payment be processed for these rights within the next 30 days.

If you have questions regarding this matter, contact me at 287-4910.

Sincerely,

Clay Webster
Water Resource Agent
WSB Process Point of Contact

Enclosure



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DEPARTMENT OF
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City of Mountain Home

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July 22, 2015

Cherie Palmer, Water Rights Supervisor
IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
322 East Front Street
P.O Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0098

RE: Water Right Permit No(s): 61-2188 and 61-7151
Release of Portions Held in the Water Supply Bank

Dear Ms. Palmer:

The City of Mountain Home purchased and transferred ownership of the water fights referenced above as documented in a Change of Ownership Letter dated December 29, 2014. We understand that portions of these water rights were leased to the Water Supply Bank in 2003 and currently are set to expire on December 31, 2016. We hereby request that all water rights currently in the Water Supply Bank and owned by the City be released at the earliest possible date. We are in the planning stages for a new well on a currently approved Point of Diversion and plan to utilize these water rights if the well development is successful.

According to the December 29, 2014 letter from Jean Hersley: "Part of water right 61-2188 appurtenant to 1.86 cubic feet per second(cfs), 415.2 acre feet(af) and 93.0 acres and water right 61-7151 appurtenant to .80 cfs, 279.4 af and 70 acres remain leased to the bank". These are the rights that the City is requesting be released.

We would appreciate your assistance with this request and hope for an acknowledgment from IDWR that the request has been received and whether or not our request has been approved.

Sincerely,

Mayor Tom Rist

Webster, Clay

From: Palmer, Cherie
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 11:06 AM
To: Webster, Clay
Subject: FW: Water Bank Request Letter (July 22, 2015)
Attachments: Water Bank Letter to IDWR.doc

From: Wayne Shepherd [<mailto:WShepherd@mountain-home.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2015 10:50 AM
To: Palmer, Cherie
Cc: Tom Rist
Subject: Water Bank Request Letter (July 22, 2015)

Ms. Palmer: The City of Mountain Home purchased and transferred Water Rights (61-2188 & 61-7151) successfully at the end of 2014. A letter was sent to you in July of this year regarding portions of the water rights which were leased to the water supply bank. The City requested that these leased water rights be released from the water supply bank as soon as possible. We have not heard anything back from your office and are following up to make sure you received the letter and also to determine the status of the City's water rights. Our other concern is that if the leased water rights are generating income, then the City, as owners of the rights, should be getting the income. I am including a copy of the July, 2015 letter. Thanks,

L. Wayne Shepherd, P.E.
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