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WATER RESOURCES

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I know we are probably just stiffed on this whole water right issue-but it never hurts to ask for a professional opinion. In brief this is what happened concerning water right 75-14490.

We purchased this land from a deceased individual, and in September 2014 sent "change of water right" form to DWR. Got a return asking for "Assignment of permit"---+more \$ of course.

In December of 2014 DWR sends a notice of potential lapse of water right—to the dead individual—even after records clearly show we purchased the land and water right, and were working toward meeting DWR guidelines. Obviously for a number of reasons, the dead individual did not respond.

I then get a call (since DWR) obviously must know I am working toward settling this permit—indicating I must file a proof of beneficial use—which by this time with mailing, hits DWR 4 days late. So guess what. Another fee + a water rights examiner and re-apply—and on and on.

I hate to just complain, but after \$400.00 to DWR for permits etc. and \$2,500.00 for the examination—which took away 1 acre of use and .01 cfs plus adding this last DWR fee and moved the priority date back till now—all due to a dead mans inability to respond to an entity who knew he had sold the land and right—just does not seem right.

Thanks for letting me vent. If there is any remedy (without another huge round of fees), I'd sure appreciate knowing about it.

Jim Smith