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RE: Accessing water rights leased to the Water Supply Bank

Mr. Thomas,

All of water right 51-7027 is currently leased under contract to the Water Supply Bank (Bank). For your reference, a copy of the current lease contract is enclosed with this letter. As a condition of the lease contract (condition 3), you are not authorized to divert and put water to beneficial while the water right is leased to the Bank.

The lease contract will expire on December 31, 2015 at which time you will be authorized to divert and put water to beneficial use under this water right. If you desire to begin diverting water under water right 51-7027 prior to end of the lease contract, two options are available to you: 1) to reduce your lease contract by the amount not actively being rented from the Bank, or 2) to rent your own water right from the Bank.

Regarding option 1, 31 of the 320 acres leased to the Bank are actively being rented and will remain rented until the end of 2015. As such, 289 acres are currently available to be removed from the Bank. If you would like to remove these 289 acres from the Bank, we will require that you complete a new lease application in which you specify the 31 acres on your property that will not be irrigated during 2015. Once the 31 acres that will remain in the Bank are identified, the Bank can proceed in removing the remaining 289 acres from the Bank. Please note, the fee to submit a new lease application is \$250.

Alternatively, you may rent the remaining amount of your water right. The current rental rate for water is \$17/acre foot, however as the lessor for this water right, you only need pay the 10% admin fee (\$1.70/AF) to rent this water from the Bank. In our conversation this morning, you indicated that you desire to irrigate up to 260 acres. At five acre feet per acre, 260 of irrigation would result in a rental of 1300 acre feet from the Bank. Multiplied by \$1.70/AF, your rental fee would be \$2210 to rent this water.

In light of the above, I am including both a lease application and a rental application form. Please complete and submit to our office either of these forms if you desire to proceed in irrigating your property during 2015. If you have any questions about this matter, you can contact me at 208-287-4918.

Regards,

Remington Buyer
Water Supply Bank Coordinator