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Sandstone Farms LLC.

1888 E. Rodeo lane

Kuna, Idaho 83634

Idaho Department of Water Resources

2735 Airport Way

Boise, Idaho 83705-5082

Re: Application for Ground water permit #63-33857

Protest by Robert Huff May 16, 2014

In answering Mr. Huffs allegations I submit the following as described in my application;

He alleges that I did not answer question 7b (stock watering) properly, I am not watering any stock although the shared well does serve another home that does water 6 head of horses. This home waters very little grass about 6,000 square feet and only has one resident.

Question 7e needing further clarification, Kuna's heavy clay soil holds water at about the 6 foot level mature grapes roots go down as far as 15 to 20 feet requiring little water. Most of Idaho grapes are grown in the sunny slope area which has a sandy soil and requires more water.

Mr. Huff's well and mine are almost a ½ mile apart. Mr. Huff has never experienced any depletion of water. What is more concerning is that Mr. Huff had protested every application I have ever made for any development related issues since I purchased my 64 acres in 1995.

The five acre parcel I have filed for a ground water right is higher in elevation than the rest of the section I am located making it impossible to flood irrigate. I could pump but I would have to bring water almost a ¼ of a mile to do so even though Mr. Huffs ditch bisects the entire width of my property. All the ditches within a ¼ mile are lower in elevation than the 5 acre parcel.

I would respectfully request that Mr. Huff's protest be disregarded as he has provided no evidence that my application has ever or will ever harm his ability to receive water either ground water or surface water. I consider Mr. Huffs request as nothing more than his continued protest against anything development related within the area.

As I understand Idaho law does allow for 5 acre ground water permits and would request that my application be approved.

Sincerely,

Larry E. Hansen