

MEMORANDUM

TO: Angie & Rick
FROM: Steve Lester 
DATE: April 10, 2012
RE: Complaint about 61-12112

See attached information regarding Jim Scheff complaint on this irrigation right.

Yesterday and today Jim called and visited the office to provide additional information:

- Local contact information for person farming the land: Eric Orr (last name?), cell # 208-250-2472 in Mtn. Home area. Said he talked to Eric sometime last year about this situation.
- Said both wells plus a booster pump are in use. Also said the 5 (?) acres dried up in recent transfer are being irrigated.
- Described access to south well: road along east boundary of POU, gate, access road to well.
- Said all gates are unlocked.

Assignment

Contact Eric and arrange field appointment, preferably for this Friday, April 13.

Basically, get his side of the story as follows:

- Visit both wells, document hp of pumps, layout of irrigation system.
- Determine if each POD pump has separate power meter that does not serve any other pumping. Record power meter numbers in case we need to get power records.
- Determine extent of current irrigation.
- Check both ponds noted on 2011 photo. How are the ponds filled? Maintained? What is the purpose of the ponds? Want to know if they have anything to do with the irrigation system.
- Note if you see obvious waste of water or land outside of POU being irrigated.
- Verify if water right conditions of approval are being met.

Tell Eric you will report your findings to supervisors, who will follow up on this. The department considers the right owners as the parties obligated to remain within their water right. We will contact the right owners in the next phase of this process.

Summarize your findings in a brief report to me, including photos and maps.