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RE: West Mountain Water Assn. Inc. Water Right 65-3111A & Transfer 77209

Western Region,

On September 2, 2011 I submitted a recommendation of the Watermaster in regard to transfer No. 77209. The recommendation included the installation of a lockable control valve and a provision to measure flow.

On May 15, 2013 Mr. Bunce invited me to inspect the West Mountain Water Association's delivery system in respect to fulfilling the Watermaster recommendations and water right requirements for locking and measurement devices. I was able to examine the entire system and receive an explanation and demonstration of how the system operates.

I was able to easily measure the flow at the time when the system was operating at its full capacity. The flow rate was 0.0372 CFS when measured, and it was evident there is no ability to increase the flow rate without a reconstruction of the system. Since the measurement could be achieved easily, and the flow could not be increased, I do not see any reason to require additional measurement equipment at this time.

During the examination of the system I noticed valves that could be locked to fulfill the locking requirement of the water right. Because these exist, along with the ability to remove the diversion intake pipe from the stream, I do not find a need to require additional equipment to be installed to meet the locking device requirement.

Because of my inspection of the system I waive the requirement for additional equipment to be installed to meet the locking and measuring device requirements at this time. I would recommend that the Department of Water Resources reserve the right to require more elaborate devices in the future, in the event the need arises to properly administer the water rights on Rock Creek.

Sincerely,



Ron Shurtleff