

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 63-7427E and 63-7753A
From: Jean Hersley
Date: May 3, 2013
Re: Review of Applications to Lease Water Rights to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: We received these applications along with a transfer application and a request for ownership change. For the Dept to continue with processing the leases, the ownership changes were processed before the transfer was complete. After the transfer approval, 4.0 acres will be released from lease of water right 63-7427E to cover extra acres currently irrigated in the SWSW, S16 without water right coverage.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by trustees of the Revocable Trust

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Both water rights were decreed in the SRBA in April, 2009

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident through the lease alone. Proper rental review should protect against enlargement.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST:

Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

The lease appears consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

Comments from water master are not necessary for ground water rights. Western Region is processing the transfer.

The application listed the proposed annual volume of the lease for 63-7427E as 107.0. I reduced it per condition of approval R32, which states, "This right when combined with all other right shall provide no more than .02 cfs per acre nor more than 4.5 afa per acre for irrigation of the lands above." The afa is 4.8 so the second part of the condition should have been left off.