

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 63-7011A
From: Cherie Palmer
Date: March 26, 2013
Re: Review/Analysis for Application to Rent Water from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: The area that the rental POU encompasses is outside Basin and Range's property, onto BLM land, and is not covered by a water right. In previous years, the rental was fulfilled by other rights. Basin and Range has a special use permit and are working with BLM so they can get all their acres covered that are located on BLM land through the WSB. The BLM's application identified 14.4 acres as needing water but, upon further review, it looks like there is an additional 1 acre that must be covered. The application map clearly shows the additional acre. On March 26, 2013, I spoke with Fred Price of BLM and he told me that he asked them about that patch of land. According to Fred, Basin and Range stated that they don't cultivate that patch of land and it's simply overspray. Basin and Range told Fred that they would correct their irrigation system to correct the overspray.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: BLM owns the land where the rental water will be applied and has the authorization to file the application.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The lease under right 63-7011A will fulfill this rental application. Right 63-7011A covers a subdivision that has many vacant lots. The lease POU contains a few lots that do irrigate but are covered by the 7 acres that are not leased to the bank. The 2012 SPOT imagery show the non-irrigation in accordance with the lease agreement.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: This rental will use water nearly 30 miles north of the lease POU. There are no concerns with injury during the two year rental duration.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is expected.

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 rental appears consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS: NONE

