

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 43-2574D, 43-2576D, and 43-10597A

From: Cherie Palmer

Date: March 5, 2013

Re: Review/Analysis for Application to Rent Water from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: The applicant stated that they need 91.9 to cover a large pivot at 10S, 28E of Section 31. Currently, right 43-13317 covers 40 acres under the pivot that is 131.9 acres total. On March 19, 2012, the department issued a pending NOV regarding the uncovered acres. Currently, the only water that is available in this area are the above referenced water rights from Hinckley who has 31.4 acres of the water rights leased to the department.

Note that the applicant did not specify the number of years he would like to rent water from the bank. I will set up the rental acceptance documents for the duration that the rights are leased to the bank, until 2016.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Spratling owns the POU and is authorized to divert from 4 PDs that are owned by IDA Gold Farms (note that he didn't attach the authorization but existing water right 43-13317 diverts from those 4 wells).

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water rights that are leased to the bank are valid and are ready for rental.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: Both the leased water rights and the applicant's POU are outside the ESPA model grid boundary. No modeling is necessary in order to process the rental. No other injury is expected.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Combined use conditions will added to the rental acceptance documents to prevent 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 rental appears consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.