

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 34-7052 and 34-7110

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 1, 2013

Re: Review of Applications to Lease and Rent Water Rights through the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: This is a renewal of an application approved for 2012. The applicant filed to have it approved through 2015 but Nick Miller, James Cefalo, and I all believe it should only be renewed for one year at a time given the flexible state of transfers in Basin 34 – see the attached emails for a more detailed discussion.

Van Bussum, Monica

From: Van Bussum, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 4:29 PM
To: Miller, Nick; Cefalo, James
Subject: RE: Water Supply Bank - B34 Sorensen rental

Hi folks,

Sounds like we are okay processing a single-year extension for the Sorensen rental and then seeing how next year goes. I'll begin moving forward with that.

Monica

From: Miller, Nick
Sent: Monday, February 25, 2013 10:45 AM
To: Van Bussum, Monica; Cefalo, James
Subject: RE: Water Supply Bank - B34 Sorensen rental

I suspect Sorensen's movement on this rental has to do with the recent order involving the Parkinson wells. I think Mitch is anticipating problems with transfers in the future, so he wants to get this WSB locked in for as long as he can... that's just my feeling.

Given Gary's approach in the Parkinson case, maybe we don't want to approve leases for multiple years in this area, since we anticipate having a better understanding of the hydrogeology following the staff technical memorandum.

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From: Van Bussum, Monica
Sent: Saturday, February 23, 2013 6:56 PM
To: Cefalo, James; Miller, Nick
Subject: Water Supply Bank - B34 Sorensen rental

Hi James and Nick,

We met at about this time last year to talk about Mitch Sorensen's lease and rental of 34-7052 and 34-7110. The rights are owned by Richard Potter (who now holds somewhat of a vendetta against Sorensen) who has an agreement with Sorensen to allow Sorensen to rent Potter's rights. We had previously approved this transaction for 2012 only. Sorensen, through his attorney Luke Marchant, wants to extend the lease/rental for the 2013, 2014, and 2015 seasons.

We have been requiring a Theis analysis for transactions in Basin 34. Dave Shaw of ERO Resources submitted a Theis analysis for this transaction on February 21, 2012, attached here. I spoke with Sean Vincent recently about movement of water in Basin 34, although not about this one specifically. Sean suggested an image well analysis may be a better method than a Theis analysis.

I'd like to get some movement on this application, so I'm sending this email to see if you two want to pursue a drawdown analysis of some type for this renewal or if we should just approve it. Sorensen's attorney sent an ESPAM analysis but I'm not sure that would be helpful here. Thanks!

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From: Cefalo, James
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 12:11 PM
To: Van Bussum, Monica
Subject: RE: Water Supply Bank - B34 Sorensen rental

Monica,

I guess I'm not sure what I'm supposed to say. It appears that IDWR is moving toward a de facto moratorium on all ground water transfers within Basin 34, which would likely also limit all WSB activity involving ground water rights in the basin. Because gw transfers may be fully restricted by the end of this year, it is probably best to limit WSB rentals to single-year increments. It preserves our ability to adapt to the new restrictions.

James

From: Van Bussum, Monica
Sent: Wednesday, February 27, 2013 11:41 AM
To: Cefalo, James
Subject: FW: Water Supply Bank - B34 Sorensen rental

Hi James,

Have you had a chance to look at this? Is there some way I can help? Thanks!

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