

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 22-2271D, 22-7052A, and 22-7167A

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: December 3, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On August 20, 2012, the Department received these three lease applications which sought to place 11.53 acres in the WSB for the 2012 irrigation season. We normally do not do these kinds of retroactive acceptances unless for an NOV and the applicant was notified of a potential NOV by James Cefalo at IDWR's Eastern Regional Office in May 2012.

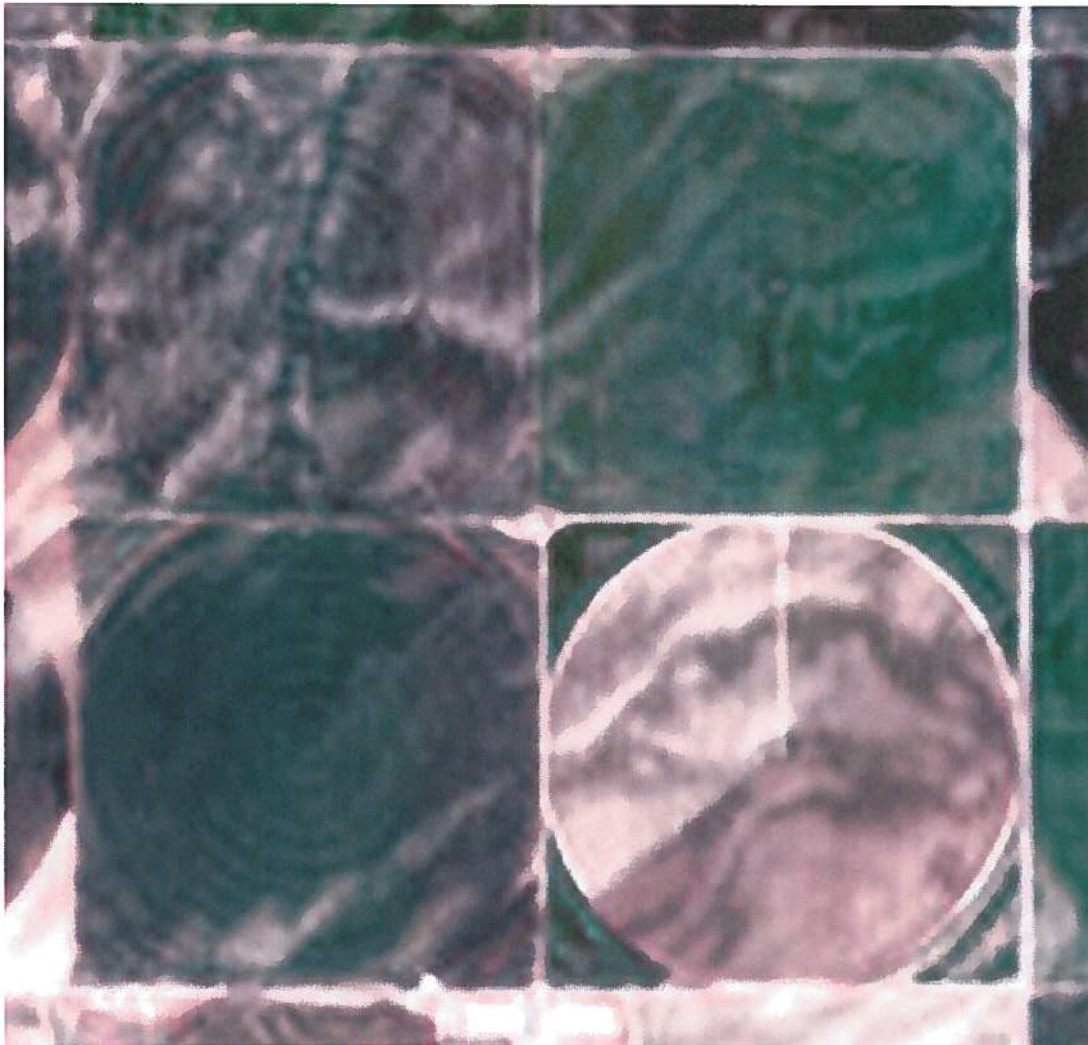
The applications used 2010 FSA maps to identify the acres for lease. I worked with Linda Davis and Margie Wilkins in our GIS section to access 2012 imagery during the irrigation season. Based on the Landsat imagery that was available, I question whether any of the corners were actually idled. However, the Landsat imagery resolution was poor and we have good GEOEYE imagery from July 2012 and that July 2012 imagery shows a small portion of a couple of the corners identified as being idled. Therefore, I have based the lease acceptance on that imagery, attached as the following 2 pages. However, the third attached page shows the fields on September 4, 2012. The fields are all uniformly plowed, again adding uncertainty as to whether water was beneficially used on the corners. Again, the July imagery was the best we had for the year and we had to base the lease on that.

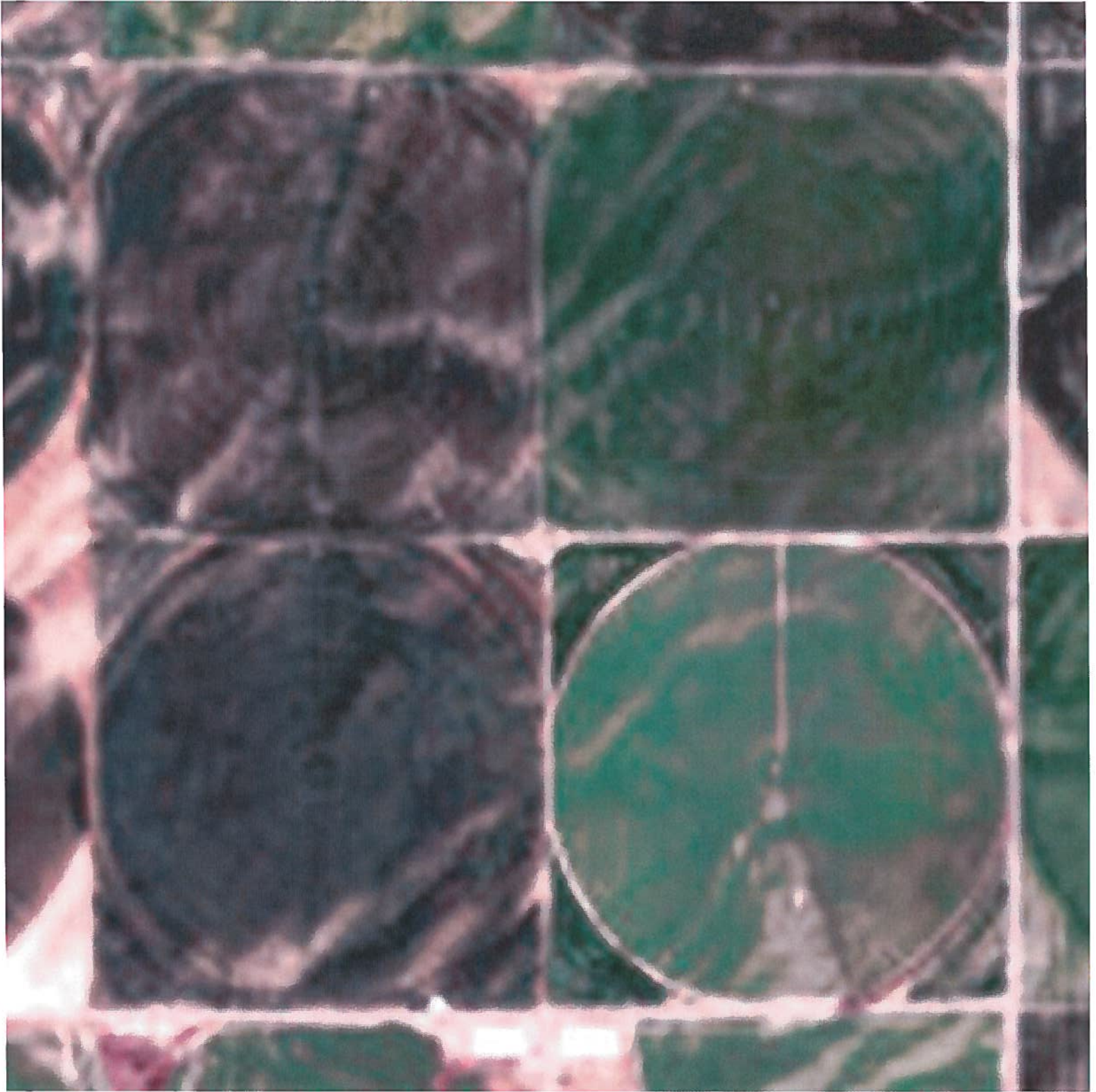
However, the applications were signed by Ray Pocock, not Ralph or Beth Pocock. Ralph and Beth Pocock are the water right owners. Therefore, we must deny the lease applications because we lack proper signature authority.

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