

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 37-368A, 37-409A, 37-2076A, 37-2157, and 37-2455

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: November 21, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On August 20, 2012, we received applications to lease all of Right Nos. 37-409A, 37-2076A, 37-2157, and 37-2455 to the Water Supply Bank. On November 21, 2012, we received the application for the last right in this stack, 37-368A.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications for all but 37-368A were signed by Chris Pollak of Diamond/Soldier Properties. The application for 37-368A was signed by Gregory Vik of Diamond/Soldier Properties.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Except for 37-368A, the rights were partially decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication in 2009, so the five-year period of non-use would not have elapsed anyway. 37-368A was partially decreed in 2011, and the five-year period would not have elapsed for it, either.

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 leases appear consistent with the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

The watermaster indicates no concerns.