

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 37-496B and 37-497B

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: October 24, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On August 27, 2012, we received applications to lease Right Nos. 37-496B and 37-497B to the Water Supply Bank through the 2017 season.

The application for 37-496B says it is for 15.97 acres and the application for 37-497B says it is for 16.3 acres. The two water rights are together limited to 30 acres without individual limiting conditions, so we take the maximum amount of the lease under both water rights into the Bank and limit them together to the full amount, in this case 16.3 acres.

The map included with the application shows the amount that will **continue to be irrigated**, or 13.7 acres. We take the balance (30 acres minus 13.7 acres) into the Bank, which is 16.3 acres.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The rights were partially decreed in the SRBA in 2011, so forfeiture is not a concern.

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 did not respond to a request for comment, indicating no concerns.