

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 31, 2012
To: Water Right File 85-15420
From: csaxton
Re: External Use Limit to 1/2 acre

The domestic use permitted included up to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of irrigation per home. The field examiner found, at best, there was $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of irrigation (from the domestic use) between the two homes. My initial concern was how are we going to split this right if a change of ownership is filed since both homes are on separate parcels held by different owners. So, initially I thought we should just allow for up to $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of irrigation per home as permitted. However, this is a low producing spring and I can see a situation where if we authorized $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of irrigation per home, a new buyer might come in and start irrigating a full $\frac{1}{2}$ acre enlarging the use and depleting the resource. For this reason, I agree with Cherie's initial recommendation to limit the irrigation occurring under the two domestic uses to a total of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre of irrigation. The property owners will have to figure out how to divide up the $\frac{1}{2}$ acre if necessary.