

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 36-2430, 36-8008, 36-8402, 36-16924, 36-2635, 36-7216, 36-11328, 36-2453A, 36-13065A

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: September 14, 2012

Re: Review of Application to Rent Water from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 27, 2012, we received an application to rent water from Greg Sullivan of Brockway Engineering on behalf of his client Ardel Wickel. We first needed confirmation flow meters were installed and received that previously. Greg Sullivan has included several iterations of combinations of water rights to be used to satisfy the rental. The last ESPA model analysis and the one used in this review was submitted on August 20. This ESPA model analysis is sufficient and shows no mitigation is required.

The applicant asked for five years on his application but the leases identified by his consultant mostly only extend to 2015, so the rental is approved through 2015.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applicant signed on his own behalf.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: All the water rights in this rental had previously been leased to the Bank, so review for validity was done under those separate applications.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent. The rental agreements include a number of limiting conditions, this is a fairly small amount of water (only 55.6 acres) and the ESPA model shows little impact to surrounding reaches.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident. Again, we've included a number of limiting conditions to avoid enlargement. This rental will be difficult to administer, though, because of the sheer number of rights involved.

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 rental appears consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

The watermaster has previously indicated her support for this rental.