

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 37-21418 and 37-21420

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: August 2, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On January 11, 2012, we received an application from Pete Van Der Meulen to rent additional water on his already irrigated acres. We delayed processing this application because the water rights Mr. Van Der Meulen initially wanted (37-363D and 37-20348) became unavailable and we needed to identify other rights as well as work out what would happen with 37-363D and 37-20348.

Additionally, Mr. Van Der Meulen only wanted water for the last half of the season. I spoke with Jeff Peppersack and Jeff indicated a half-season rental would be acceptable because it would be penalizing Mr. Van Der Meulen if we required him to rent water for the entire season if he only needed water late in the season.

There are 92 days between July 15 and October 31 and the entire irrigation season is 199 days, so this rental is for 46% of the season. 46% of the volume for these rights is 29.1 AF, so the rental is for 29.1 AF.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Mr. Van Der Meulen signed the application on his own behalf.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Both water rights were previously accepted into the Bank.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is evident.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: We've protected against enlargement by having a condition limiting rate and volume at the field headgate.

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