

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 37-449B, 37-653, 37-655 and 37-21476

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: August 4, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On April 11, 2012, the Department received applications to lease all of the above-mentioned water rights to the Water Supply Bank for the 2012 and 2013 seasons.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Harry Hagey on behalf of Heart Rock Ranch.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water rights were partially decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication in 2010, so five years of non-use is not an issue.

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:

A phone conversation with the watermaster indicated no concerns.