

Paul Arrington

From: Robertson, Jean [Jean.Robertson@idwr.idaho.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 4:00 PM
To: Paul Arrington
Subject: FW: O'Gara Transfer #76658

RECEIVED

JUN 20 2012

DEPT. OF WATER RESOURCES
SOUTHERN REGION

Paul,
This is an initial response from Pam but we will likely get additional information from Shelley next week...Jeanie

From: Skaggs, Pam
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 3:01 PM
To: Robertson, Jean
Cc: Merritt, Allen
Subject: RE: O'Gara Transfer #76658

Jeanie,

Yes, that letter was the basis of these conditions. I can't put my hands on a copy, but I know that the general idea is to preserve ground water for domestic, municipal or other uses that require higher quality of water. In general, the Department of Water Resources believes it is good policy to require continued use of the surface water because:

- It conserves the ground water for other uses that require clean water.
- It minimizes the number of wells, which are potential conduits for ground water contaminants.
- It maintains the long-term economic viability of the surface water providers.
- Because the canals leak, it provides a continued supply of water to recharge our aquifers.

The conditions are applied in transfers where ground water & surface water rights are combined in a common system creating overlapping rights and sources. If the goal is to preserve a separate groundwater use, the rights should be maintained on separate or specific acres without surface water rights.

Pam

From: Robertson, Jean
Sent: Friday, June 15, 2012 11:17 AM
To: Skaggs, Pam
Cc: Merritt, Allen
Subject: O'Gara Transfer #76658

Hi Pam,

We just approved this transfer and had a call from the consultant, Paul Arrington. He wants to know why we put conditions 104 and 065 (must use SW first) on the GW rights? They combined 2 previous PPU's into one super PPU and the GW rights didn't have those conditions on before this transfer. We had them submit a system diagram showing how everything was co-mingled so I told him that those are the conditions we use in cases like that. He wants to know where it says that? In the transfer memo or what? I looked in the condition code explanations and see that 104 says that it is based on a letter from Norm Young to John Rosholt dated 11/1/1999. Is that what I should tell him our guidance is based on? Jeanie