

MEMORANDUM

TO: SMR Development LLC Application (37-08859) File
FROM: Corey Skinner *CS*
DATE: May 19, 1997
SUBJECT: Site Visit

Last week, Allen Merritt informed me that Jerry Mobley had called our office to inform the department that the ponds proposed under protested application for permit 37-08859 had been built. Since I would be in the area on the 14th, I told Allen I would go and check things out.

On May 9th, I called William Carter and mentioned that Mr. Mobley had called the department and informed us that the ponds under protested application 37-08859 had been built. Mr. Carter said that they had indeed built the ponds, but had not yet diverted water from the West Fork of Three Mile Creek into them. I informed Mr. Carter that I would be up on the 14th to look things over. Mr. Carter encouraged me to go ahead and look things over and mentioned that he was working on resolving the protests. I reminded Mr. Carter that their application had been protested, and that they did not have a water right for the ponds.

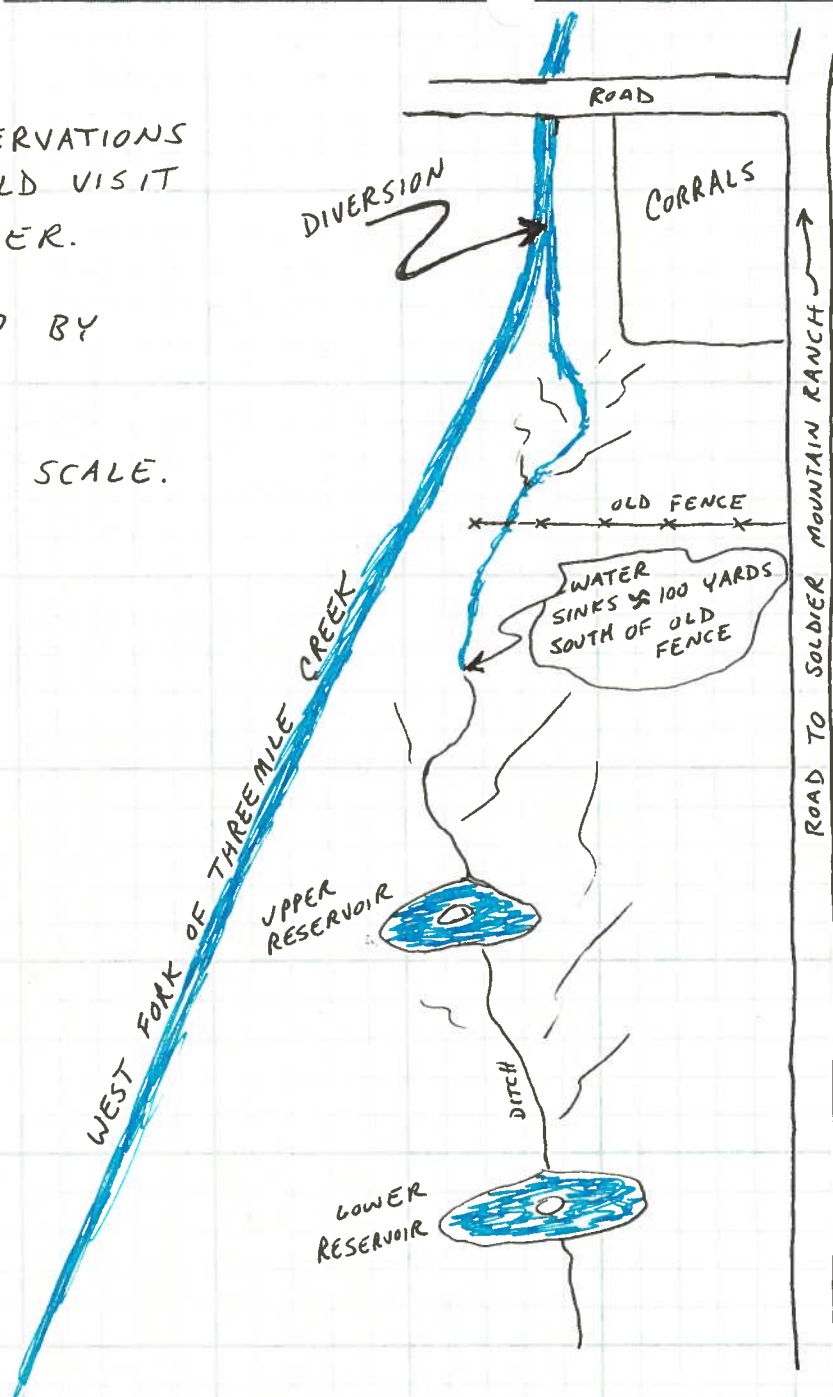
On May 14th, I stopped by the site of the proposed ponds and observed that they had indeed been built. I also observed that a diversion out of the West Fork of Three Mile Creek existed north (upstream) of the newly constructed ponds. Some water was being diverted through this diversion, but the water sank before reaching the ponds. Water right 37-02076, and corresponding SRBA claims, list a diversion point for irrigation use in this general vicinity. The excavated ponds were holding water and judging by the high water mark, additional water had been stored in the ponds earlier this year. I was unable to determine the actual source of this stored water. The ponds were located in a low spot east of the West Fork of Three Mile Creek and it appeared that surface runoff would tend to collect in the ponds. However, it did appear possible that if enough water was diverted further to the north out of the creek, some of that water could end up in the ponds. The attached sketch and photographs document my visit and observations.

I have also sent the attached 05/19/97 letter to Mr. Carter and Mr. Mobley.

SKETCH OF OBSERVATIONS
OF 05/14/97 FIELD VISIT
BY C. SKINNER.

DRAWN 05/20/97 BY
C. SKINNER.

DRAWING NOT TO SCALE.



NOTES

* MAXIMUM EXCAVATED DIMENSIONS OF UPPER RESERVOIR ARE ~ 130' X 75' (DETERMINED BY PACING). RESERVOIR SURFACE AREA IS NOT SQUARE, AND A SMALL ISLAND IS LOCATED IN CENTER OF RESERVOIR, $\therefore$ SURFACE AREA LESS THAN 0.20 ACRE. ESTIMATED AVERAGE DEPTH ~ 4' TO 5', AND RESERVOIR ~ $\frac{1}{2}$ FULL AT TIME OF VISIT.

* MAXIMUM EXCAVATED DIMENSIONS OF LOWER RESERVOIR ARE ~ 85' X 165' (DETERMINED BY PACING). RESERVOIR SURFACE AREA IS NOT SQUARE, AND A SMALL ISLAND IS LOCATED IN CENTER OF RESERVOIR, $\therefore$ SURFACE AREA LESS THAN 0.30 ACRE. ESTIMATED AVERAGE DEPTH ~ 4' AND RESERVOIR ~ $\frac{1}{3}$ TO $\frac{1}{2}$ FULL AT TIME OF VISIT.

05/14/97 SITE VISIT OF PROPERTY INVOLVED WITH 37-08859
BY C. SKINNER.



VIEW LOOKING DOWN
(SOUTH) WEST FORK OF
THREEMILE CREEK (INDICATED
BY ARROW). DIVERSION DITCH
BEYOND ORANGE CANVAS DAM
LEADS TO AREA ABOVE SMALL
RESERVOIRS SHOWN IN PHOTOS
BELOW.



VIEW LOOKING
NORTH ACROSS UPPER
RESERVOIR. TOTAL
EXCAVATED RESERVOIR
SURFACE AREA IS
LESS THAN 0.20 ACRE.
NOTE HIGH WATER
MARKS ABOVE
CURRENT RESERVOIR
LEVEL. TREES
BEYOND RESERVOIR
IS WEST FORK OF
THREEMILE CREEK.



VIEW LOOKING NORTH ACROSS LOWER RESERVOIR LOOKING BACK
TOWARDS UPPER RESERVOIR (CIRCLED). LOWER RESERVOIR TOTAL EXCAVATED
SURFACE AREA IS LESS THAN 0.30 ACRE. NOTE HIGH WATER MARKS
ABOVE CURRENT RESERVOIR LEVEL.