



## State of Idaho

# DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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May 25, 2012

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Governor

GARY SPACKMAN  
Interim Director

LAWRENCE AND KAY HANSEN  
1440 E MARY LN  
MERIDIAN ID 83642

### Re: Contested Application for Permit No. 63-33616—Hansen

Dear Applicants:

Enclosed is a copy of the protest filed against the issuance of the above-referenced application. As part of the application process, the following are options available for resolution of contested (protested) applications:

**-Direct contact** with the protestant(s) to determine what is being disputed in the application and parties attempting to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).

**-Formal Proceedings** consist of a pre-hearing conference & hearing through the water appropriation statute/rule process. A pre-hearing conference identifies the protest issues and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties. If the issues cannot be resolved, a formal hearing will be scheduled.

**-Mediation** through a certified professional mediator. The advantages can include: reduced costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, the ability to address non-water concerns, more influence over a final settlement, and fast track processing by the Department for parties reaching a mediated agreement. If you are interested in this option, please contact our office for details.

Please consider with the protestant the best option for resolution of the contested application.

Should you have questions or concerns please contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Westra". To the right of the signature, the word "For:" is written in a similar cursive style.

JOHN WESTRA  
Western Regional Manager

Cc: S Bryce Farris, Ringert Law Chartered.

Enclosure: Protest copy



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Please consider with the applicant the best option for resolution of the protested application.

If you would like additional information, or need to further discuss the process, feel free to contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

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JOHN WESTRA  
Western Regional Manager

Cc: Lawrence and Kay Hansen, Applicants.

Enclosure: Applicant copy