

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 22-7336

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: April 20, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On December 12, 2011, the Department received an application to rent water to irrigate 87 acres from Lee Sutton. The review process has been particularly involved and lengthy for this rental application because there is little water to rent from the Bank in this area, and mitigation was required.

The end result of all the different modeling and scenarios was Mr. Sutton will rent the remainder of the lease of 22-7336 (1.39 cfs, 243.2 AF and 69.5 acres) but he will be limited to irrigating with 0.92 cfs, 161 AF and 46 acres while the rest of the lease will go to mitigation. Please see Jennifer Sukow's memo, attached, for more information. Jennifer Sukow of IDWR's Hydrology Section conducted all the modeling scenarios.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applicant filed on his own behalf.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water right has previously been accepted to the Bank.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent, particularly with mitigation water being rented.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident.

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:

A phone conversation with the watermaster indicates no concerns.