

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 31-7316
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: May 3, 2012
Re: Review of Application to Rent Water from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On April 30, 2012, the Department received an application to renew a rental for 16 acres of irrigation of water right 31-7316.

The application sought 5 years but the right to be rented is only in the Bank 2 more years, so the rental agreement is for 2 years.

The legal description for the POU on the application is Section 15 SESW but the map and conversation with the watermaster indicate the POU is correctly described as Section 15 SWSW.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Richard Nelson of Walker Land & Cattle.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: This water right was recently accepted into the Water Supply Bank and had the usual validity check at that time.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: This did require modeling using the ESPA mitigation tool. Results from the model run indicate no mitigation is required.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is apparent.

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:

James Cefalo, Watermaster for Water District 110, indicated no concerns.