

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 29-11278 AND 29-14000

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 29, 2012

Re: Review of Applications to Lease Water Rights to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On January 27, 2012, we received the above-mentioned applications to lease portions of the above-mentioned rights to the Water Supply Bank. These two rights overlap with 29-13956 but 29-13956 is only for 0.04 cfs. I contacted T.J. Budge, attorney for the applicant, by email and told him we would need to include 29-13956 in the lease to avoid enlargement. T.J. asked if we could reduce the portions of 29-11278 and 29-14000 to 0.07 cfs to reflect their inclusion in the Bank lease and the exclusion of 29-13956 from the Bank lease (see email chain, attached). The lease acceptance reflects this adjustment.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by T.J. Budge, attorney for the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water rights were all partially decreed in the SRBA in 2011.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident through the lease alone. Proper rental review should protect against enlargement.

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 leases appear to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.