

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 45-2578, 45-2597 and 45-14060

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: April 26, 2012

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 19, 2012, the Department received an application to rent adequate water to irrigate 3.8 acres in Cassia County. The application sought 2 years of irrigation but we currently only have adequate and nearby rights to satisfy the requirement for 2012.

The proposed rental location is within the ESPA Model boundary, so we ran the ESPA Model to determine if mitigation was required. Mitigation was not required, most likely due to the very short length of the rental and the minimal pumping volume.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Terry Rudd, authorized agent for the LDS Church, and Delmas Johnson, P.E.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The rights to be rented were recently accepted into the Bank.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

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 the conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.