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RE: Water Rights for El Rancho Heights Subdivision

Dear Right Holders:

In trying to finalize a field examination of the permits for your subdivision we have reviewed each of the water rights that are appurtenant. We find that you have one decreed water right (63-2865A) and two permits (63-8354 and 63-8355) currently on file with our Department. A summary of the rights is as follows:

- Right 63-2865A was decreed for use of well #1 for the irrigation of 25.3 acres and domestic use for 90 homes.
- Permit 63-8354 was issued for domestic purposes from well #1 for use in 96 homes.
- Permit 63-8355 was issued for domestic purposes from well #2 for use in 96 homes.

A field examination conducted in 1994, of the use under the permits, found the subdivision was using both wells for 88 homes and the irrigation of 22.5 acres. Right 63-2865A authorizes the entire use found but only covers the use from well #1. Since the subdivision may need to utilize both wells at some point, it would be to your advantage to cover the use of well #2 either under one of the permits or Right 63-2865A. We have found that you have two options in this regard.

1. For the best water right protection and flexibility, you could add well #2 to Right 63-2865A, which would cover everything under the oldest priority date (June 15, 1951) by filing an Application for Transfer. We have included a partially completed application for your convenience. The filing fee for the Application for Transfer is \$500.00. If this transfer was approved there would be no need for the permits and we would request that they be relinquished, or we would recommend they be voided.
2. Without a transfer of the older right, we could prepare a license for Permit 63-8355, for use of both wells but it would be limited to domestic purposes for 88

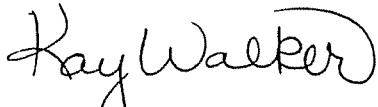
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homes. This proposal would not authorize irrigation use from both wells. The new license would not allow an increase in the number of homes or amount of domestic water for the subdivision but at least would cover both wells for domestic purposes under a February 7, 1990, priority date. The permit would have to be amended to add the second well. We have included an Application for Amendment form that would amend the permit to allow domestic use from both wells. The filing fee for the amendment is \$100.00. Under this option Permit 63-8354 would be redundant and we would request that you relinquish the permit or we would recommend it be voided.

We also notice that the mailing address we have attached to your water rights may not be the current address of record. We have used the address found on the Secretary of State's page for this correspondence and the Application for Transfer form. The submittal of the transfer application will allow us to update the address for the home owner's association. If you decide to submit the Application for Amendment form, please make any changes to the mailing address shown on that form before submittal.

If you have any questions in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to call me at 334-2190.

Sincerely,



KAY WALKER
Sr. Water Resource Agent

Enclosures

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