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January 19, 2012

JOAN GRADY
DIRECTOR
EL RANCHO HEIGHTS HOMEOWNERS ASSN INC
15670 LONGHORN DR
CALDWELL ID 83607

RE: Water Rights

Dear Ms. Grady:

I received your e-mail regarding the wells and water rights for El Rancho Heights and offer the following information.

Rt. 63-2865A was decreed for irrigation and domestic purposes, from Well #1, for El Rancho Heights Subdivision. This right was decreed in February of 2009 and is in good standing. Permit 63-8354 was issued for domestic purposes from Well #1. The domestic use included sprinkler irrigation for yards but is no longer necessary since Rt. 63-2865A covers the uses found on the permit.

Well #2 was drilled under Permit No. 63-8355 which was issued for domestic purposes that included sprinkler irrigation of the yards associated with the proposed subdivision lots. Well #2 was later abandoned and replaced with Well #3.

Well #3 was drilled under Permit 63-8355 for domestic purposes. The field examiner found that this permit was developed for domestic purposes on 88 lots and included irrigation of lawns up to ½ acre for each lot. We will license this permit as determined by our field examiner, however, the license will be conditioned so that it would be limited when combined with Rt. 63-2865A. When we do this, the subdivision would be able to use either Well #1 under Rt. 63-2865A or Well #3 under 63-8355 and either right would cover the needs of the 88 lots. Please be advised that Rt. 63-8355 would not provide irrigation to lots that do not have a domestic use.

Once we issue the license for Permit 63-8355, permit 63-8354 will no longer be of any value to the subdivision. We request that you relinquish Permit 63-8354 since the use under that permit is covered under 63-2865A. I have enclosed a relinquishment form for your convenience. Please submit the relinquishment form within one week so we can finalize the subdivision's water rights. If you do not submit the relinquishment form for Permit 63-8354, we will prepare an Order voiding that permit.

The process mentioned above will result in the subdivision having two water rights, each for a different well and each covering the uses developed by the subdivision. Neither of these rights will include both wells. It is not mandatory that each water right list both wells but if you want to do that in the future, file an application for transfer after the license is issued on Rt. 63-8355.

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Joan Grady
called - will submit
relinquishment & once
63-8355 is licensed
will file the
transfer for
both rights.
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If you have any questions in regard to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 334-2190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Walker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

KAY WALKER
Sr. Water Resource Agent

Enclosure

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