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Idaho Department of Water Resources
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Re: Application for Permit for increased rate of diversion at Crane Creek Country Club

Dear Mr. Spackman:

I am writing on behalf of the Crane Creek Country Club (CCCC) pursuant to the enclosed Application for Permit to appropriate the public waters of the State of Idaho. With this cover letter, to be considered part of the application, we intend to present the details of our proposed uses which are not readily apparent or well represented on the standard application form.

CCCC is licensed to divert 517.5 acre-feet annually from a groundwater source at an instantaneous diversion rate of 1.84 cfs. Their water right No. 63-03108 has a 7-8-57 priority date for irrigation of 115 acres (golf course turf grass). On 1-27-94, Transfer No. 4248 was approved to allow two new points of diversion (wells) under the existing right. Condition No. 8 of the approved Transfer restricts the instantaneous diversion rate, from all points of diversion, not to exceed 1.84 cfs (the diversion rate allowed under the original license). CCCC has completed construction of the two additional wells and has filed proof with the Department.

After a complete upgrade of their irrigation system, including two small storage ponds added under Permit No. 63-12152, CCCC has found it cumbersome and inefficient to irrigate the golf course at the prescribed diversion rate of 1.84 cfs. This application seeks the allowance of an increased diversion rate in accord with the Administrator's Memorandum (Application Processing Memo # 60) pertinent to "Irrigation Diversion Rate for Turf Grass in Public Areas" dated 8-15-1996. CCCC seeks this change under an Application for Permit because the Administrator's Memorandum only applies to new uses subject to public review and comment. It is our understanding that CCCC's original water right will not be impacted by the proposed new application and that there will be no expansion of water use above the present annual volume allowed under License No. 63-03108. No impacts to existing water rights are anticipated. IDWR has recently been requiring mitigation plans for proposed new irrigation uses. We believe that mitigation is not necessary in this instance because CCCC does not intend to expand its water use or lands irrigated, but rather, seeks to irrigate the same amount of land during a shorter time period. This is the scenario envisioned by the 1996 "Turf Grass" memorandum.

Please direct all questions and/or requests for additional information to me at 342-8369. On behalf of my client, thank-you for your consideration and guidance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Ed Squires



c: Barry Bevers, CCCC

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