

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Right Files 63-7983
FROM: Daniel A. Nelson
DATE: March 12, 2012
SUBJECT: Meridian Joint School District No. 2 Water Supply Bank Lease Application

SUMMARY

Lori Graves of SPF Engineering filed a Water Supply Bank (WSB) lease on behalf of her client, Meridian Joint School District No. 2 on February 14, 2012. The lease application requests to lease a portion of water right 63-7983 to the WSB from 2/15/2012 to 12/31/2017. The portion being leased to the WSB is 0.06 cfs and 18 af of water to irrigate 4 acres. The remaining portion will be 14 cfs for fire suppression and 0.08 cfs and 22.5 af of water to irrigate 5 acres.

This water right was decreed in 2007, so forfeiture will not be an issue until December 31, 2012. The fire suppression portion of this right will remain the same and should be acceptable if it is limited to fighting an existing fire.

AUTHORITY TO FILE

The lease application was signed by Layne Hanners, Supervisor of Operations, who is listed on the School District webpage as the Supervisor of Operations. The School District is also listed in the Department's tax lot information as the owner of the property.

SUFFICIENCY OF SUPPLY

There is no data to suggest that the sufficiency of water supply will be an issue.

INJURY

There is nothing to suggest that there will be any injury from leasing this water right to the water supply bank.

ENLARGEMENT

There is no enlargement being proposed.

BENEFICIAL USE

The purpose proposed does qualify as a beneficial use.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST

There is nothing to suggest that these leases would be contrary to the Local Public Interest.

WATER DISTRICT

Ground water in this area is not regulated by a watermaster, therefore, no watermaster comment is required.

RECOMMENDATION

These WSB leases should be approved with a term of February 15, 2012 to December 31, ²⁰¹⁶~~2017~~ term with the following condition:

Condition 77 - Water shall not be diverted for fire protection use under this right except to fight or repel an existing fire.