

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Right Files 63-31763
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 63-31763 to the WSB from 2/15/2012 to 12/31/2017. The portion being leased to the WSB is 0.50 cfs and 112.5 af of water to irrigate 25 acres. The remaining portion will be 0.30 cfs and 67.5 af of water to irrigate 15 acres.

This water right was decreed in 2007, so forfeiture will not be an issue until December 31, 2012. This water right is supplemental to Settlers Irrigation District, so supplemental conditions will be needed. There is a combined condition on the water right. However, the water rights involved in the combined condition are additive, so the combined condition does not need to be carried over to the WSB lease.

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, but any rental of this water right must be supplemental to Settlers Irrigation District. *Combined limits with 63-31762 but those are additive, not overlapping, so there is no risk of enlargement there.*

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, ²⁰¹⁶2017 term with the condition, "Use of this right is combined with water from Settlers Irrigation District."



**Green border shows
the boundary of the
water right 63-7983**

**The red border shows
the 15 acres that will
continue to be irrigated.**

**NWSW of Section 32
T4N R1E**

**NESW of Section 32
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**2011 Aerial Photo
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