

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 21-12914
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: March 9, 2012
Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On February 23, 2012, the Department received an application to lease all of 21-12914 to the Water Supply Bank.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Claudia Conder for PacifiCorp.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The SRBA issued a partial decree for this water right in 2007 and it has been protected from forfeiture by an extension of time to avoid forfeiture since June 2007.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident through the lease alone. Proper rental review should protect against enlargement.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST:

Review staff has no information to suggest this application is inconsistent with the local public interest.

BENEFICIAL USE/CONSERVATION OF WATER RESOURCES:

The leases appear to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

The watermaster indicated by email that he has no concerns.

OTHER NOTES: The applicant's letter states they do not want the right made available for rental. I spoke with Claudia Conder by phone and explained the Bank cannot hold a water right from being rented but the likelihood of this right being used for a rental is infinitesimal.