

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 61-2165, 61-7170, 61-12264 and 61-12266

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: February 27, 2012

Re: Review of Application to Rent a Water Right from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On January 25, 2012, the Department received an application from Del Kohtz to rent ground water for the irrigation of 383 acres in Elmore County.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applicant signed the application on his own behalf.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: All three rights were previously accepted into the Bank and a validity review was done at that time.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident. 61-2165 and 61-7170 do appear to overlap with rights 61-2162, 61-2163 and 61-12039. However, upon review, I found those 61-2162, 61-2163, 61-2165 and 61-12039 to be additive and 61-7170 to be the overlapping right. It appears 61-7170 authorized additional flow rate and acres in this PPU, but little or no additional volume. Therefore, this rental reflects rental of water under 61-2165 and 61-7170 and there are conditions included to prevent 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 rental appears consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.