

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 63-3108, 63-12596, 63-32114, AND 63-32115

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: January 26, 2012

Re: Review of Applications to Lease Water Rights to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On May 27, 2011, the Department received applications to lease portions of 63-3108, 63-32114 and 63-32115 to the Water Supply Bank. At the time, we were unable to timely process the lease applications because of pending transfer 77271. Transfer 77271 was subsequently approved but then we were waiting on the licensing of permit 63-12596. After multiple conversations with Cherie Palmer and Craig Saxton of the Water Allocation Bureau, we determined 63-12596 needed substantial work before licensing. In conversation with Pam Skaggs, also of the Water Allocation Bureau, we determined we could accept the portions of 63-3108, 63-32114 and 63-32115 into the Bank provided the applicant would immediately file to put the related portion of 63-12596 into the Water Supply Bank immediately upon licensure of 63-12596. I contacted Lori Graves of SPF Water Engineering, who acts as consultant on behalf of the applicant, and she indicated her clients were amenable to that solution (see email attached).

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Benjamin Hay, an authorized agent for Crane Creek Country Club, Inc.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The transfer review memo for Transfer 77271 indicates the rights were used in 2009.

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 consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

The watermaster was asked for comment and did not respond, indicating no concerns.

Van Bussum, Monica

From: Lori Graves [LGraves@spfwater.com]
Sent: Monday, December 12, 2011 11:30 AM
To: Van Bussum, Monica
Cc: Christian Petrich
Subject: RE: 63-3108 et al (Crane Creek Country Club)

Monica,

Your solution is great. Upon licensing, we will offer the same acres to the WSB under water right 63-12596 as we did for water rights 63-3108, 63-32114 and 63-32115. I will also provide you with a spreadsheet identifying the location of the 27.4 acres offered to the WSB per 40-acre tract ASAP. Thanks Monica.

From: Van Bussum, Monica [<mailto:Monica.VanBussum@idwr.idaho.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2011 12:57 PM
To: Lori Graves
Subject: 63-3108 et al (Crane Creek Country Club)

Hi Lori,

As you know, we've been waiting on a transfer approval and licensing of 63-12596 to proceed with the approval of this WSB lease application packet. The transfer was approved earlier in the year but there has been some delay in licensing 63-12596. It appears 63-12596 will not be licensed until measuring devices are installed, which could substantially delay the WSB action. I'd like to propose a possible solution to the WSB issue. We can accept the acres offered under 63-3108, 63-32114 and 63-32115 provided the same acres will be offered to the WSB under 63-12596 when it is licensed. If those acres are not offered to the WSB upon licensing, the shares of all three other water rights will be released. Will that work for your client?

Additionally, the lease applications show the 114.8-ac POU but do not specifically call out the 27.4 acres offered to the Bank. Can you provide a spreadsheet showing the legal description of those acres being offered to the Bank? I see your map showing the discrepancy between the decreed acres and the actual irrigated acres, but I'll need that in tabular format, as well.

Thanks!

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From: Lori Graves [LGraves@spfwater.com]
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To: Van Bussum, Monica
Cc: Christian Petrich
Subject: Crane Creek Country Club
Attachments: Acres to Bank.pdf

Monica,

Attached is a spreadsheet of the 27.4 acres Crane Creek Country Club requests to bank per lease applications 63-3108, 63-32114 and 63-32115. On Item 4. of page 1 of the lease applications, acres were listed in the NW of Section 26 rather than the SW of Section 26. This error has been corrected on the attached spreadsheet. We will offer the same acres to the Bank under water right 63-12596 upon licensing. Thanks Monica.

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