

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 61-12038, 61-12140, 61-12141, 61-12145, 61-12147, 61-12254

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: September 22, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On September 15, 2011, we received an application to rent from Casa Del Norte. We processed a rental on this property for 125 acres previously for 2009, 2010 and 2011 in hopes that a transfer would be processed in time for the 2012 irrigation season. It appears it will not and I spoke with Steve Lester at Western Region and we concurred the rental should be processed. The rights rented under the previous agreement are no longer in the Bank, so we needed to find new rights to rent. There are few large rentals in Basin 61 for ground water, so we cobbled together a few leases to come up with the appropriate number of acres.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by John McCallum, President of ARD Trading, which is listed as the authorized agent for Casa Del Norte according to the Idaho Secretary of State webpage.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The rights have been in the Bank since 2003.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is apparent.

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 to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None.