

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 63-2812

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: August 29, 2011

Re: Review of Application to Lease Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: We received this lease application on February 17, 2011. There is also a pending transfer application (75446). This water right currently provides the sole source of water to the authorized irrigated acres that do not receive water from Wilder irrigation District. The changes proposed under Transfer 75446 changes the place of use to land where surface water is also supplied by Wilder Irrigation District. This lease essentially separates a portion of this right before the transfer changes are accomplished. The lease preserves the historic use of the portion in the Bank. However, if the leased portion of the right is released from the bank and water use is resumed on the authorized POU described on Transfer 75446, the right would be considered supplemental to the Irrigation District rights.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Kevin Howell, treasurer for Sienna Hills Development Corp.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water right was partially decreed in the SRBA in 2009, so forfeiture is not an issue.

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:

None.