

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 35-14080, 35-14083, 35-14088 and 35-14091

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: August 1, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: We've received these applications several times – April 30, 2010; February 23, 2011 – because of transfers changing the POU. We received the most recent applications on February 23, 2011, under the former water right numbers (35-2728, 35-2844, 35-7361 and 35-7856). We are processing them under the post-transfer water right numbers shown above. The elements of the lease applications did not change because the amended applications provided assumed the transfer would be approved.

We will be processing the rental application separately. This memo only reviews the lease applications.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: This property was in CRP (contract attached) from 1997 to 2006, 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:

An email from James Cefalo, watermaster for Water District 120, indicated no concerns.