

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 45-2509 and 45-13522 — also files 45-14184, 45-14186 & 45-14188
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: May 27, 2011
Re: Review of Application to Rent a Water Right from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 16, 2011, we received an application to rent water for 359 acres of irrigation from George and Bill Kelley. We had initially processed the rental application using water from 45-14184, 45-14186 and 45-14188, which have been in the Bank since at least 2008 and are scheduled to be leased through the end of 2011. However, in an email from Paul Arrington (attached), they are seeking to rent from 45-2509 and 45-13522 for a period of two years.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Both Bill and George Kelley signed the application.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The leased rights were already accepted into the Bank in 2010.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident.

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. The applicant/owner has been operating under an approved permit and a right licensed with the State of Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None. I discussed this rental on the phone with Brian Higgs, the watermaster.

The previous rentals did not require an ESPA model run because the leased PODs were in adjacent models cells. However, this rental required a model run. The model run was submitted by Greg Brockway of Brockway Engineering and indicates no mitigation is required (model results attached). The model run was assessed by IDWR staff and found acceptable.