

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 45-2509 and 45-13522
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: May 5, 2011
Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On April 26, 2011, we received applications to lease all of 45-2509 and 45-13522 to the Water Supply Bank for a 5-year period.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Joel Parker, an authorized agent for Burley West Investments, per the Idaho Secretary of State's business entities website.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The rights were partially decreed in the SRBA in 2005, making 2010 the fifth year. However, imagery indicates irrigation 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 to be consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

DEPARTMENT STAFF OR WATERMASTER COMMENTS:

None. A phone conversation with Brian Higgs, Watermaster for Water District 140, on May 5, 2011, indicates no concerns.