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From: Nelson, Dan
Sent: Wednesday, April 06, 2011 2:46 PM
To: 'gary funderburg'
Subject: RE: ward application for water bank
Attachments: Ward Water Bank Lease.pdf

Hello Gary,

Here are the water bank lease applications for water rights 45-7733 and 45-13545. From the Water Management Information System (WMIS) it appears as though Ward Dairy is using approximately 200 to 300 acre feet of water per year. As we discussed earlier by telephone, it may be best to place 45-7733 into the bank and leave 45-13545 available. 45-13545 has a volume amount of 390 acre feet.

The problem with the water bank leases that are attached is that the application for water right 45-13545 has no amount to be leased into the water bank. The application for 45-773 has requested that all of this right be leased to the water bank. We will need an amount to be leased to the water bank for the 45-13545 application or we will need to ask your client to withdraw this application all together.

Another issue is that the water bank leases are limited to a 5 year period. Both of these leases request a lease period of June 1, 2006 to June 1, 2011. We can make the lease retroactive to prevent any forfeiture issue. However, if you wish to keep these rights in the water bank after June 1, 2011, you will need to send in a new application for an additional 5 years. There shouldn't be any problem either way on these.

I apologize for the extended period it took to start processing this application. The Department has made it a priority to reduce the backlog on these water bank leases and rentals. We have already reduced the number of leases by approximately 2/3 and the number of rentals by approximately 5/6 of the leases that were on the books in August of last year. In order to maintain this pace, we are asking that you submit the above information to me by April 22, 2011. If we don't receive the needed information by that date, we will return the application until you can supply all of the information needed.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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Please send me a copy of each application by email or by fax fax 208 324-6411
Thank You
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