

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 63-32985
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: April 15, 2011
Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On November 9, 2007, the Department received an application to lease a portion of 63-18418 to the Bank. 63-18418 subsequently split by change of ownership into 63-32984 and 63-32985. 63-32985 is the split retained by the Bank applicant and the amount identified in the lease application is the same as the water right.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The right holder signed the application.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: Aerial imagery indicates this property was irrigated in 2004. The application was received in 2007, indicating there was not 5 years of non-use.

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. 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.