

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 47-2386A

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 February 9, 2009, the Department received an application to lease all of 47-2386A to the Bank.

This is a ground water right in both the Blue Gulch Critical Ground Water Area and the Easter Snake Plain Aquifer moratorium area. The lease may end up being helpful to offset Bank rentals. Additionally, this lease may ease some pressures on the aquifer in the area.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Mike Henslee, VP of the right holder organization. A check of the Idaho Secretary of State's business entity indicates Michael Henslee is an authorized agent for the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The right was partially decreed in the SRBA on April 26, 2010.

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.