

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 24-4017

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: April 6, 2011

Re: Review of Application to Rent a Water Right from the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 25, 2011, the Department received applications to lease 45.3 acres of this water right and rent the water back for dust abatement/industrial use.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Terry Uhling, who is the contact on record for Simplot with regard to this water right.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: This right was partially decreed in the SRBA on March 14, 2008.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: The lessor will lease 45.3 acres of irrigation to the Bank and rent the consumptive use associated with those 45.3 acres (2.5 AF/ac). However, the renter will be required to rent the entire field headgate requirement of 158.6 AF (3.5 AF/ac) so no enlargement will occur.

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.