

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 45-14184, 45-14186 and 45-14188

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 18, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 16, 2011, we received an application to rent water for 359 acres of irrigation from George and Bill Kelley. We will fill this rental with water from 45-14184, 45-14186 and 45-14188, which have been in the Bank since at least 2008 and are scheduled to be leased through the end of 2011. The rental application sought 10 years but I spoke with Paul Arrington, the attorney for the Kelleys, and he indicated the Kelleys wished to move forward with the fastest course possible for satisfying the rental this year, which is renting this set of rights to them.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Both Bill and George Kelley signed the application.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The leased rights were already accepted into the Bank in 2010.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident.

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.