

MEMORANDUM

To: File(s) 61-2154, 61-2155, 61-2188, 61-7151 and 61-10378

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: March 11, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On December 26, 2008, and again on May 6, 2008, the Department received applications to rent water to cover 125 acres from Casa Del Norte LP through their consultant, SPF Water Engineering. A phone conversation with Lori Graves on March 7, 2011, indicates they need retroactive approval for 2009 and 2010 and will need approval for 2011 in case the transfer is not completed. A conversation with Steve Lester of IDWR's Western Region Office on March 9, 2011, indicates the transfer will not be completed for the 2011 season, so this approval is for 3 years.

This rental is similar to one done for Kevin and Delbert Kohtz, also for these same rights, for 2009. I checked the amounts against the 2009 Kohtz rental for these rights and there is water right left to rent to Casa Del Norte for 2009. The Casa Del Norte rental agreement is similar in nature to the Kohtz agreement.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by John McCallum, President of ARD Trading, which is listed as the authorized agent for Casa Del Norte according to the Idaho Secretary of State webpage.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The rights have been in the Bank since 2003.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is apparent.

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.