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From: Nelson, Dan
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2011 11:10 AM
To: 'Lori Graves'
Subject: SV Homeowners' Association Inc.

Hello Lori,

I have received your letter dated 2/14/2011. I reviewed your letter with water bank staff to determine if it can be used to determine the acres being irrigated and not being irrigated. Unfortunately, this letter will not be sufficient as acres allowed to be placed into the water bank. I apologize for not being clear in my earlier email listed below, but we need a map showing lands being irrigated, and lands not being irrigated. We would appreciate that you send the shape files used to create these maps with the maps to be submitted.

Water Supply Bank Rule 25 (also known as IDAPA 37.02.03.025) requires the Department to evaluate whether the applicant is the current owner, title holder, or contract water user of the water right. Additionally, Water Supply Bank Rule 25 requires the Department to determine whether the lease will result in injury to existing water rights, will result in an enlargement in the existing water rights, and will be in local public interest. Without a map, we simply cannot determine if enlargement occurs or not.

I can give you another 14 days to supply the maps and shape files, so please supply the maps by March 3, 2011 or we will need to return the application. I will send out an official response to your letter today for your records, but I wanted to give you time to put together the needed information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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From: Nelson, Dan
Sent: Thursday, February 10, 2011 3:49 PM
To: 'Lori Graves'
Cc: Van Bussum, Monica
Subject: SV Homeowners' Association Inc.

Hello Lori,

I have reviewed the water bank leases for water rights 63-161BN and 63-2932 in the name of SV Homeowners' Association. During the review process, it was unclear how the 116 acres still being irrigated were determined. I am hoping that you can send me the shape file created to determine the acres being irrigated. We simply are not comfortable using a permissible place of use border map when placing water into the water bank without knowing the exact lands being irrigated if the water bank lease is approved.

Unfortunately, our office doesn't have the resources any longer to do the mapping work required on this project. Without a shape file to show the acres to be irrigated after the water bank lease, we cannot approve the water bank lease application. If you could provide the shape files for this project within the next 14 days, I can go forward with the processing of this application. If we cannot get the shape file, we will need to return the application.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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