

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 65-2856

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: February 14, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On February 1, 2011, the Department received an application to lease all of 65-2856 to the Water Supply Bank.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by David B. Reay, personal representative for the Mary B Reay Estate and accompanied by documents designating him as representative.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: 2009 aerial imagery indicates irrigation in the place of use.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident in 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. An email from Ron Shurtleff, watermaster for Water District 65, indicates no concerns.