

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 65-4002X

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: January 21, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On July 11, 2007, the Department received an application to lease a portion of water right 65-4002X to the Water Supply Bank. On October 4, 2010, I wrote the right holders telling them asking for additional information. They submitted a new application on January 14, 2011. Since the original application was filed in 2007 and we asked for additional information in 2010, we are upholding the date of the original application as the lease start date and giving them five years from the time of their new application for an end date.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Both of the right holders signed the application.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water right was partially decreed in the SRBA on March 7, 2003, less than five years before the original application.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident from the lease alone.

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. I contacted watermaster Ron Shurtleff by email on January 21, 2011. It has been more than 14 days and I have received no response.