

MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Right File 63-32655
FROM: Daniel A. Nelson
DATE: February 7, 2011
SUBJECT: Shawn Mikelson Water Supply Bank Rental Application

SUMMARY

Lori Graves of SPF Engineering, Inc. filed an application to lease all of water right 63-32655 on behalf of Shawn Mikelson for an indefinite term on November 11, 2008. Mr. Mikelson signed the application. Water right 63-32655 was decreed on May 16, 2008 for 0.03 cfs, 9 afa, and 2 acres of irrigation water from ground water.

Mikelson purchased water right 63-32655 for mitigation purposes, but the mitigation is no longer needed according to the application. Therefore, the new owner wishes to place this water right into the bank for an indefinite period.

AUTHORITY TO FILE

Mr. Mikelson appears to have signed the application, so the authority to sign should not be an issue.

SUFFICIENCY OF SUPPLY

There is no evidence to suggest that there is sufficient water for this water bank lease.

INJURY

There is nothing to suggest that putting these water rights into the water bank would cause injury to other water users.

ENLARGEMENT

No enlargement is being proposed.

BENEFICIAL USE

All uses comply with beneficial use requirements in Idaho.

LOCAL PUBLIC INTEREST

There is nothing to suggest that these are not in the local public interest.

WATER DISTRICT

There is no water district for ground water in this area.

RECOMMENDATION

I recommend that all of water right 63-32655 be accepted into the water bank. The lease term will need to be prorated from December 11, 2008 to December 12, 2013.