

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 65-22628

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: February 3, 2011

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On January 26, 2011, the Department received an application to lease all of 65-22628 to the Water Supply Bank.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: An ownership change was processed in March 2010 to change the ownership to the Harney Family Trust c/o Janice Ruiz. Janice Ruiz signed the Bank application.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: From viewing the imagery, I was a little concerned about forfeiture, but I contacted Ron Shurtleff, Watermaster for Water District 65, and he had no concerns about forfeiture and said it is a good candidate for the Bank.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: No enlargement is evident from 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.