

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 35-2351, 35-2553A, 35-2553B, 35-2713, 35-7034, 35-7169, 35-7372, 35-7560, 35-8726, 35-10422, 35-10427

From: Monica Van Bussum

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 23, 2009, the Department received applications to lease the above-mentioned water rights to the Bank for 2009. The Department was unable to process the applications before the lease period ended, so we are returning them.

In addition, there is some evidence the rights were unused from 2004 to 2008, according to satellite imagery. Aaron Marshall, the previous coordinator of the Water Supply Bank, put together an ArcMap project in 2009, which is in the 2009 leases folder in the Water Supply Bank part of the N: drive. This project indicates non-use of the acres in question between 2004 and 2008. There is a post-it from Aaron on the file that says, "5 years of non-use, 2004-2008, see ArcMap project saved in 2009 Leases folder." From a review of the applications, it appears the right holders were trying to put the pivot corners in the Bank. In reviewing the imagery from Aaron's project, the pivots were installed between 2003 and 2004. There is no evidence of irrigation on the pivot corners from 2004 to 2008.

I added the 2009 layer and confirmed it does not appear the pivot corners were irrigated in 2009 either.