

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 67-149, 67-14269, 67-14271 and 67-14789
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: January 24, 2011
Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On January 10, 2011, the Department received applications to lease all of the irrigation water rights mentioned above to the Water Supply Bank. The right holder listed all 4 rights on a single application.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by the right holder.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The water rights were partially decreed in the SRBA on October 20, 2008.

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. A phone conversation with Water District 67 watermaster Brandi Horton did not indicate concerns.