

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 63-10393

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: December 27, 2010

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

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On July 25, 2005, the Department received an application to lease 6 acres of water right 63-10393 to the Water Supply Bank from the Joint School District No. 2 (Meridian School District). At the time of the application, the right was in the ownership of Kenneth Aschenbrenner. Per the documentation with the application, they submitted a change of ownership to change the name on the right to Joint School District No. 2. Apparently this change of ownership was misplaced. In November 2010 I contacted Scott King of SPF Engineering, the consultant for Joint School District No. 2, and asked him to resent the change of ownership. That has since been completed and we are free to lease the 6-acre portion of this right to the Bank.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The application was signed by Wendell Bigham, who is the supervisor of Facilities and Construction for the school district.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: The 6 acres is being leased to the Bank because of construction of a school facility. 2004 imagery, from before construction of the facility, indicates the acres were being irrigated.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Proper review should protect against enlargement. No enlargement is evident with the lease.

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.