

MEMORANDUM

To: Water Right File No(s). 36-2453A and 36-13065A
From: Monica Van Bussum
Date: November 26, 2010
Re: Review of Application to Lease a Water Right to the State Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On October 18, 2010, the Department received applications to lease portions of these water rights to the Bank, a base right and its enlargement, for 6.5 and 1.8 acres for 36-2453A and 36-13065A, respectively. An application had previously been received in 2008 for 36-13065A but that application was returned because it did not include 36-2453A, which would have caused enlargement had it been accepted.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: The applications were signed by Zach Latham of Brockway Engineering, who has power of attorney to sign for the right holders.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: A review of imagery indicates these acres were irrigated in 2006.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is apparent.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Proper rental review will protect against enlargement. No enlargement is evident through 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.