

MEMORANDUM

To: File 72-2149F

From: Monica Van Bussum

Date: October 13, 2010

Re: Review/Analysis for Application to Rent 72-2149F from the Water Supply Bank

PURPOSE/NARRATIVE: On March 4, 2010, the Department received an application to rent 30 AF of storage water from Mosquito Flat Reservoir in Custer County for the irrigation of 37 acres.

AUTHORITY TO FILE: Antony Yacomella signed the application, which was submitted in his name.

WATER RIGHT VALIDITY: 72-2149F was partially decreed in 2000 and accepted into the Bank in 2007. Presumably validity was reviewed in 2007 upon its acceptance.

INJURY TO OTHER WATER RIGHTS: No injury is evident in this rental.

ENLARGEMENT OF USE: Yacomella sought 30 AF for 37 acres. The watermaster requested Yacomella rent an extra 10% to allow for evaporation losses, so the rental is for 33 AF. The leased right 72-2149F is 66.67 AF for 37 acres. In speaking with Pam Skaggs, we determined that storage water rights can be approved for a larger POU. Therefore, with 33 AF rented out under the right, we can still rent the other 33.67 AF for additional acres without 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:

I spoke with both Nick Miller (Water District 170) and Rick Phillips (Water District 72A) and neither had a concern. Rick Phillips suggested a rental for 10% extra to allow for loss.