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Steve Lester
Idaho Department of Water Resources
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705-5082

Subject: *Application for Transfer of Water Rights 61-7701 and 61-7702 and
Application for Permit, Community Council of Idaho, Inc.*

Dear Steve:

Enclosed please find an application for transfer of water rights 61-7701 and 61-7702, and an application for permit. These applications are submitted on behalf of the Community Council of Idaho, Inc. (Applicant), a non-profit organization that provides education, housing, and other services to farmworkers and other low-income families and individuals. The enclosed applications are associated with proposed improvements to the public water system serving the Casimiro Dimas Housing Project and the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start school. These facilities are located in Hammett, Idaho.

The Applicant plans to construct a new well to provide better quality water for these facilities. The existing shallow well has issues with elevated nitrate concentrations and coliform bacteria. As part of the permitting process, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality is requiring that the Applicant either retain the existing well as an emergency back-up well, or construct a second new well to meet current requirements for source of supply redundancy. Water use at these facilities is currently authorized by water rights 61-7701 and 61-7702, which share a single point of diversion. The enclosed transfer application requests addition of a second point of diversion for redundancy.

The Applicant also plans to open the apartments for year-round residency. Water right 61-7702 currently limits water use to the period between March 15 and November 15. The application for permit requests authorization to divert up to 0.09 cfs for domestic use between November 16 and March 14.

On behalf of the Applicant, we request that processing of these applications be expedited. The Applicant currently has funding from the National Head Start Association to construct a new well this summer and would like to provide better quality water for this system as soon as possible. The Applicant would also like to open the apartments for

year-round use beginning in January 2011. The availability of year-round rental housing is expected to benefit the local economy in the Hammett area.

This is my last week at SPF Water Engineering. Please list Terry Scanlan as the contact for these applications and contact him with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Sukow". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" written in a more stylized, connected manner to the last name "Sukow".

Jennifer S. Sukow, P.E., P.G.
Senior Project Engineer

cc: Fernando Sosa, Community Council of Idaho, Inc.
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