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RE: Application #63-11791 Meadow Creek Homeowners' Association
C. Honsinger Letter 5/28/04-Application Status

Dear Mr. Honsinger:

Regarding the status of the above described application, I would draw your attention to the Meadow Creek Homeowners' Association Notice of Violation issued by the Department on July 11, 2002. On page 4 under "remedies" the Association is given several alternatives to remedy the violation. During the past several seasons the Homeowners' Association has rented water from the Boise River Rental Pool—remedy 1(b). The violation notice goes on to say if alternative 1(b) is selected, the Association shall diligently develop a suitable mitigation plan, and file it as an amendment to the application. This would allow processing of the application in the Boise River Basin. To date, a mitigation plan has not been received.

The Association's continued efforts to rent water annually, and keep the Department informed are appreciated. However, the original intent of the 1(b) remedy was only temporary. There may be short water years where the purchase of rental water is not available. A long term commitment from the Association to lease water from the rental pool is not sufficient to warrant the Department to further process the application. I would encourage the Association to actively pursue a mitigation plan, and a permanent water right. Our office will continue to hold application 63-11791 until a mitigation plan is received.

Should you have questions, feel free to contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'John Westra'.

John Westra
Western Regional Manager