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Brad Little, Little Enterprises
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3314 Grace St
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Re: Application for Permit No. 65-23097

Dear Protestant(s):

This office acknowledges receipt of your protest to the issuance of a permit pursuant to the above referenced application. As part of the application process, the following are options available for resolution of contested (protested) applications:

-Direct contact with the applicant to determine what is being proposed in the application and the parties attempt to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).

-Formal Proceedings a Department pre-hearing conference, hearing through the water appropriation statute/rule process. A pre-hearing conference identifies the protest issues and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties. If the issues can not be resolved, a formal hearing is scheduled.

-Mediation through a certified professional mediator. The advantages can include: reduced costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, the ability to address non-water concerns, more influence over a final settlement, and fast track processing by the Department for parties reaching a mediated agreement. If you are interested in this option, please contact our office for further details.

Please consider with the applicant the best options for resolution of the protested application. If no option response is received, a pre-hearing protest conference will be scheduled.

If you would like additional information, or need to further discuss the process, feel free to contact me at the Western Regional Office, phone 334-2190.

Sincerely,

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Western Regional Manager

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Attachment: Pre-hearing Conference Notice