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Steve Lester
IDWR Western Region Office
2735 Airport Way
Boise, ID 83705

Subject: Application for Transfer, Water Right 63-9126

Dear Steve,

Enclosed on behalf of Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation and Boise Parks & Recreation is an Application for Transfer proposing an additional well and location clarification of the decreed well that provides irrigation water to Veteran's Memorial Park. The State owns the land and the water right and the City of Boise Parks and Recreation has a long-term lease with the State to manage the park and irrigation system.

The addition of a second well to the park irrigation system is necessary to meet the irrigation demands of the park because the existing well has had problems with excessive drawdown for several years and the current pump cannot be lowered in the well any further. The City is concerned that the pumping water level will draw down to the pump intake resulting in cavitations.

We request that the transfer application be expedited based on the following constraints:

1. City funds availability
 - A new well at Veterans Park has been on the City's project list for 6 years.
 - Project funds have been made available for this project for fiscal year 2010 only.
 - Funds will not be available in future fiscal years.
2. City of Boise bid processes
 - This project will be split into two consecutive components
 1. Construction of a new well
 2. Installation of (new) pump system
 - The anticipated cost of the new well is between \$30,000 to \$60,000. This level of expenditure requires compliance with the City of Boise's semi-formal bid process. This process consumes 11 to 13 weeks from submission of specifications to the Purchasing Department to the issuance of the purchase order.

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- Construction of the well may take 30 days from issuance of the purchase order to test pumping. This timeline may be impacted by weather conditions.
- The cost of the new pump system will not be known until the new well is drilled and test pumped. If the new well produces water adequate to fill the entire water right, most of the pump components of the old well will be moved to the new well. If the new well cannot fill the entire water right, then a combined pump system must be designed and installed. Depending on how the new pump system works, additional time may be necessary to accommodate the bid process. None of these steps can be taken until the new well is constructed and test pumped.
- Boise City Parks and Recreation begins to bring park irrigation systems back on-line in March of each year. While Veterans Park can be put at the bottom of the list, irrigation should begin by early May to insure the park grounds are in good condition for public use.

Check No. 315928 for \$250 is enclosed for the filing fee. Please let me know if there are any questions. Thanks Steve.

Sincerely,



Lori Graves
Water Rights Specialist

Cc: Maria Minicucci

Enclosures

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