

Gibson, Deborah

From: Lester, Steve
Sent: Tuesday, December 09, 2008 7:56 AM
To: Gibson, Deborah
Subject: FW: Southfork Landing project, Garden Valley

Hi Debbie:

Please add this email from Watermaster to the Eagle Springs LLC application files - the package that was scheduled for hearing 12/11 but got postponed.

Thank you.

Steve

From: waterdist65 [mailto:waterdist65@srvinet.com]
Sent: Friday, December 05, 2008 3:48 PM
To: Lester, Steve
Subject: RE: Southfork Landing project, Garden Valley

Steve,

In regard to the Eagle Springs and Barnes Ventures transfers and applications, I have looked at the mitigation plan for the surface water and shallow ground water applications and agree that the plan to retire an acre for acre irrigation right to offset the consumptive effect of the proposed constructed ponds will be effective to mitigate for their effect.

Thank you for keeping me informed of these applications.

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To: waterdist65@srvinet.com
Subject: Southfork Landing project, Garden Valley

Hi Ron:

Hope Thanksgiving was good for you and your family.

This email is about the surface water and shallow ground water applications for the planned community in Garden valley along the South Fork Payette River. I'm sure you remember our conversations about it quite a while ago - concerns about adequate mitigation for shallow ground water ponds since rental pool would not really work etc.

12/9/2008

The applicant is Eagle Springs Ranch, also joined by Barnes Ventures for 1 of the applications. We processed these earlier this year in May, including an email comment letter to you on May 28. The comment letter was the new standard format where no reply means you are ok with applications. A reply was not received.

All 3 applications have been protested, but not about mitigation factors or about other typical Watermaster issues.

So by definition under our current processing standards, it is not required to get your written comments for the files. But I thought you might want to take a look at the attached information anyway. I want to be sure you are comfortable with the proposed mitigation plan. In a nutshell, the applicant will retire 39 acres of surface water irrigation from river and streams. The rights being partially retired have 1900 priorities (plus 1 overlap right for mitigation with 1966 priority - does not add any value to mitigation plan) so should work for natural flow rights at Black Canyon Dam.

Attachments -

1) application map (color document) showing proposed pond locations, amenity channels to construct between ponds, river diversions, creek diversions; does not show remaining irrigation place of use since makes the map too busy, but irrigation will be reduced and reconfigured within the project site so not a big change in that regard.

2) transfer application, just enough pages to give you the idea, left out all the deeds etc.

3) permit application 65-23105 for water amenities

4) permit application 65-23239 for more river water, same amenities.

5) my review memo summarizing the situation, mitigation etc.

6) my review memo attachment to compare rights before and after transfer - no increase in use is found.

All existing and proposed surface water diversions will be required to have diversion works subject to your control - adjustable, lockable, measureable.

The main thing is to see if you agree that the mitigation plan will work in this situation. If you do, a very brief email reply will be helpful. Of course, you are welcome to say lots more if you want to.

I will be gone Dec. 10 thru early January so **your reply before Dec. 8 will be a big help**. Please call if you have any questions or need more information. Thanks again for your help.

Steve

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