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April 9, 2009

C. L. "BUTCH" OTTER
Governor

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.
Director

Re: Application for Permit No. 63-32573, in the name of M3 Eagle, LLC.

Dear Interested Parties:

Enclosed are two letters received by IDWR on March 27 and 30, 2009. These letters are referencing the M3 Eagle application and development. These letters are being provided to you for your information and they are being incorporated into the record for this matter.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Gibson
Administrative Assistant
Water Management Division

cc: Service List

March 26, 2009

Dr. David Tuthill, Director
Idaho Dept. of Water Resources
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Dear Dr. Tuthill:

The City of Eagle and Ada County are approving large development projects in north Ada County with little, if any, concern given to impacts on the groundwater resource.

Groundwater levels are declining, and many wells have gone dry. Recently, three of my nearby neighbors had to drill new wells, and a fourth had to deepen an existing well.

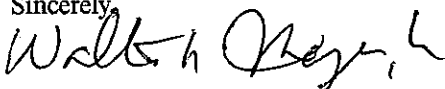
If approved, M3's application for a water right for a maximum of 14.9 million gallons per day would result in a considerable decline in the groundwater level. When combined with the other large projects approved or proposed near Eagle, the impact could be drastic. M3 is speculating that if it gets the amount requested, it will be able to secure the funding and partners necessary to complete it's entire project.

A moratorium should be placed on the issuance of large water rights in the subject area pending the results of your department's ongoing north Ada County groundwater study. Hopefully, this study will show that groundwater supplies are sustainable with increased usage.

If and when groundwater rights are issued for M3 and the other large approved and proposed developments near Eagle, they should be issued using a phased approach along with a monitoring program to determine impacts.

In closing, I think it would be unreasonable for IDWR to take actions which would result in groundwater declines to such the extent that hundreds of well owners are forced into deepening existing or drilling new wells.

Sincerely,



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March 27, 2009

Dr. David Tuthill, Director

Idaho Dept of Water Resources

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Dr. Tuthill


I am extremely concerned about the granting of excessive water rights to M3 in the foothills of Eagle. I live just south of Homer Road (3675 Deerfield) and believe I will be negatively affected if M3 is allowed to drill massive deep wells and pump an excessive amount of water for the development.

You have a difficult job! You must balance the value of future economic development with the acceptable amount of damage to existing homeowners. I, of course, contend that the damage to our property by drawing down the ground water beyond recharge balance levels is unacceptable and is of greater damage than future economic development in the foothills.

We already have a personal experience to share. We previously owned 6 acres at 312 Park Lane in Eagle. We had two ponds that were fed by an artesian well. When we moved into the property in 1995 we had tremendous flow. During the last year of ownership, we were struggling to maintain the water levels from the artesian. The point is that already in approximately 2000, the ground level water was already decreasing in the area. As the area continues to grow, an excessive amount of pressure is being placed on groundwater. Reasonable growth is inevitable. Massive growth should not be allowed. I perceive M3 to represent massive growth beyond the level that groundwater can sustain.

I strongly urge you to move forward slowly, and to wait for future independent data from which to base sound decisions. Please do not grant M3's request, rather grant incremental levels of water shares and monitor the effects as water is used.

Sincerely,


Dr. Bruce Gestrin

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