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Distribution: Applicants Whose Water Right Applications Were Held Without Action Under the Boise River Basin Moratorium

Dear Applicant:

As you might be aware, on May 3, 1995 the Director of the Department of Water Resources, Mr. R. Keith Higginson, signed an Amended Moratorium Order which provides for the processing of previously held applications within the Boise River Basin, with certain restrictions. Enclosed for your information is a copy of the Order.

As provided in the Order, this office will resume the processing of these applications in order of priority at a rate of 30 applications per month. Depending on how many applicants wish to proceed with development of their projects, the processing of the 338 presently-held applications could require as much as a year. To enable you to make an estimate as to when your application(s) will be processed, please be advised that 244 of the applications have priority (receipt) dates of 1992; 32 are dated 1993; 37 are dated 1994; and 25 are dated 1995.

As new applications are received, they are sorted into two groups. Those that would not have been held back under the moratorium are processed immediately. To assure fairness in processing, those that would have been held back under the moratorium, such as irrigation applications, are placed at the end of the moratorium processing line.

Note that the Order requires that all applications held under the moratorium will be advertised (or re-advertised if previously advertised), in order to enable neighboring water users to examine the proposed uses in view of water availability information gained during recent drought years. There will be no additional charge to the applicants for this process. For applications that propose use of ground water, the advertisement must include an indication of the depth interval from which the applicant proposes to withdraw water.

Please find enclosed a Profile Report which provides information from our water rights data base describing each of your moratorium-held applications. In addition we have included one response form for each application, which enables you to indicate whether you wish to proceed with processing of your water right application(s).

In case you no longer intend to develop a water use as described on an application, please complete and return the enclosed Withdrawal Form. Because of the time and effort already devoted to researching water availability in the Boise River basin, the Department will not be able to provide refunds of fees for applications that are withdrawn.

If you have questions about this process, or if you need assistance in completing the response form, please feel free to contact this office at (208) 334-2190. Response forms received no later than May 31, 1995, will be used in compiling the applications that will be advertised during June.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

Amended Moratorium Order
Profile Report(s)
Response Form(s)
Application Withdrawal Form(s)