

MEMORANDUM

To: Files 63-2461, 63-15634, 63-31861

From: Cynthia Bridge Clark

Date: October 4, 2005

Re: Rental of Water Rights from the State Water Supply Bank

Two rental applications were processed on behalf of The Turf Company for irrigation in 2005. The first addressed use of water for four days early in the season and the second was filed later for ground water to supplement surface water for thirty days late in the irrigation season.

The Turf Company ("Company") contacted the department to obtain authorization to begin irrigation on the farm through the weekend of March 11-14, 2005. The Company has water rights to cover irrigation use once the irrigation season begins on March 15, 2005, however the company was concerned about the success of a large turf crop due to the unusually dry, warm weather conditions. Glen Saxton and Gary Spackman gave verbal approval for the Company to begin diverting on Friday, March 11, 2005 with the understanding that the Company agreed to rent a comparable irrigation right that will otherwise not be used for a portion of the irrigation season. Tim Luke was also notified.

Pam Wascher, acting on behalf of Darwin McKay with the Company, submitted an application to rent water from the bank and agreed that water would be diverted in accordance with the amounts requested on the application.

Several other applications were filed for rental of water in the same hydrologic area during the 2005 irrigation season. To accommodate the needs of all of the applicants, the rental applications were processed together and all available rights were considered. Though the application for lease of water right 63-31861 was filed after the diversion of the water associated with the Turf Company's first rental, the owner confirmed that no water was diverted under the right during the 2005 irrigation season.