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RE: Application for Transfer of Water Rights

Dear Mr. Lester:

In a letter dated August 2, 2005, you informed us that the Application for Transfer we filed on July 21, 2005 will not be processed until late in 2006.

In the past years, I have been working with Cynthia Bridge-Clark at the IDWR state office to rent water for irrigating a portion of my farm. This year (2005) we were told that IDWR may not continue to rent water to us in the future. In response, we purchased a water right to satisfy our irrigation needs and filed the appropriate transfer. The transfer seeks to move 33 acres of irrigation water right 02-10224 to our farm. We have money already in an escrow account for this water right.

In light of IDWR's delay in processing, we are facing an economic problem. If we can't irrigate next season (2006) because of the delay in processing, then we are facing a serious economic hardship. We have two options.

The first option is to request that IDWR treat this transfer as an exception because the Adjudication section may not need to review this Transfer. I am told that water right 02-10224 has already been reviewed during transfer 70405, which was approved. A second transfer involving the same water right is currently being reviewed by the State Office of IDWR and is anticipated to be approved. Our transfer (Wolfe) should be straight forward and may not need Adjudication's review. I would like to request that processing continue under the normal schedule.

If option one is not acceptable, then we need to look to the water supply bank. Water right 02-10224 is currently in the water supply bank. We are willing to rent the appropriate amount of water to satisfy the operation. However, we already have spent money to acquire the water right, so it seems odd to be paying for the rental of water in the same year.

How would you like us to proceed?

Regards,



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