

Comment Report

37-21465

1. jstanton 5/26/2005 11:23:35 AM Special Administration Area Notes

Comment: Special Administration Areas : Big Wood River GWMA

Exempt: Y

Reason: Non-Consumptive Use

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Explanation: Municipal use

2. jstanton 5/26/2005 11:24:20 AM Additional Information Supporting Application

Comment: Residency affidavit for hydropower development: N/A

Additional hydropower project information: N/A

Additional fish propagation project information: N/A

Appropriation Rule 40.05.c information: N/A

Mitigation Plan or acceptance form: N/A

Evidence of Pre-1987 development: N/A

3. jstanton 5/26/2005 Comment/Analysis

Comment: This application is explained in the Applicant Remarks that I obtained from their maintenance supervisor Jack Brown (I have worked with him in the past on other water issues). While they could obviously get a larger flow rate from the proposed new well (16" casing as opposed to the 6" test well), they do not want to strain the local aquifer by excessive pumping. I have not tried to justify the proposed rate based on homes served, etc., as I presume that the requested amount is reasonable to meet the proposed uses. Jack is well experienced in these matters, and they have a project engineer designing the various system components. The proposed uses already exist, and will just be supplied from a different well. While other wells in the Sun Valley system could provide water here, Jack said that they are pretty much maxed out in the rest of the service area; additional pumping capacity is needed, so this is an app for permit instead of a transfer. No mitigation is proposed, but the uses should be exempt from the various moratoriums with proper conditions (no large irrigated areas, etc.). The application should be processable and approvable.

4. jstanton 5/26/2005 Legal Notice Remarks

Comment: This application proposes to drill a new well to serve the Lane Ranch & Weyyakin Subdivisions at the south end of the Sun Valley Water & Sewer District service area. Other wells in the Ketchum and Sun Valley water systems have previously served the subdivisions, but that water is now needed elsewhere. The new well will be located about 1/4 miles south of the junction of Elkhorn Road & Hwy. 75 on the west side of the highway.