

## SPLIT TREE FOR 63-9655

### PLEASE NOTE:

The adjudication staff has the ability to recommend acres to the nearest thousand of an acre (or 0.01 acres). However, the current water right data entry system only allows acres to be listed to the nearest hundredth of an acre (or 0.1 acres). This difference in rounding capability skews the rates and volumes when looking at the two databases. For transfer purposes, we need to use the hundredths of an acre system, so this split tree reflects rates and volumes as needed to round the acre amounts to the nearest hundredth. The adjudication agent who has reviewed these rights understands the differences, and the need to for the change in rates and volumes to match the water right database.

I also need to point out that the previous transfers and recommendations showed a full volume per acre rate of 4.5 acre feet per acre for all of these rights except 63-31590, because it was thought that the irrigation associated with 63-31590 didn't exist. The reason for this assumption is that the water right was not claimed and was on the opposite side of the canal with no visible means of water delivery. The land associated with 63-31590 was also irrigated with canal water and the others didn't have canal water. It has recently been discovered that there used to be a pipeline across the canal, and that a portion of the original right (the land described in 63-31590) was used as a supplemental right on the other side of the canal. Whereas, water right 63-31590 is a supplemental right, and the other rights use this water as their primary source of water, it has been determined that the reduced volume per acre for 63-31590 is reasonable, since it was only used during the shoulder seasons and to make up for shortages of canal water. Therefore, I have recommended in the transfer process to limit water right 63-31590 to 19.2 afa or 3.9 afa per acre to allow a full allocation for the other rights. Mr. Maul as signed a letter agreeing to the current splits as long as his transfer is not protested. Please see his 2/23/2005 letter.

