

Jim Larsen

TO: WATER DISTRICT 31 (CAMAS CREEK) FILE
FROM: NORM YOUNG *NY*
RE: REQUEST TO REFUSE DELIVERY TO BLAINE LARSEN
DATE: MAY 27, 1994

Jim Hagenbarth called today asking that IDWR declare three rights held by Blaine Larsen forfeited and instruct the watermaster to refuse delivery. He asserted that Larsen and his predecessor had not used the rights for more than 10 years, but was now calling for the rights. Because the point of diversion is many miles downstream from the junior rights, a loss of 20 to 30 cfs occurs in delivering the 1.8 cfs right. The loss rate has been exacerbated by stream alterations done by Larsen.

I reviewed the matter with Don Shenton who confirmed that Larsen was calling for the rights and receiving water, that the rights had not been consistently used for many years, but the oldest priority right had been called for and used to some extent in 1989. He referred me to the information submitted with Larsen's proposal to mitigate ground water use filed last month. Shenton indicated that the streamflow is very low and will probably decrease to the point that the flow will not reach Larsen, creating a futile call. Usually this happens in July, but will likely occur earlier this year.

Larsen has claimed the rights in the SRBA (31-00049 and 31-11198).

Based upon this information, I advised Hagenbarth that the rights were still of record with the department, we could not declare a forfeiture, and the watermaster would be advised to continue delivery to Larsen as long as an adequate flow could be delivered.

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