

Director's Report.

The Jones well in the Winger decision is currently owned by Doug Schureman. This well is described as well no. 2 in the Winger decision and was an open discharge well to the Arco Canal. This well is the second well west of Highway 93 and north of the Arco Canal in the SWSE of Section 23. No well log is available for this well but the Winger decision identifies it as a 40 to 50 foot deep well. The water right associated with this well is 34-02357A (a portion of original right no. 34-02357, or part B, was transferred from this well to a different point of diversion and place of use). Rights 34-02357A and 34-02357B were recommended as licensed rights in the SRBA.

The Peterson well identified in the Winger Decision was a 50 foot well drilled in the SWSE of Section 23, T4N, R26E (see attached well log). The water right associated with this right was 34-2480. Department records indicate that this well was drilled in August of 1966. Our records also indicate that a second well was drilled by Peterson in July of 1966 located in NESW, Section 25, T4N R26E, or about one mile southeast of the Mc Affee-Jones (Schureman) wells. The well log for this well is attached and shows that the well was drilled to a depth of 185 feet and perforated from 40 to 185 feet. Right no. 34-02480 was licensed with a point of diversion matching this latter location. The 50 ft. well located in section 23 was never included on any license nor was it included in the SRBA Director's report. It is the Department's understanding that the Peterson well was never used. We are uncertain if this well or its casing exists today.

Although rights were licensed and recommended as licensed rights in the SRBA from the Mc Affee well no.s 1 and 3, and the Schureman or Jones well, the Department has prohibited the use of these wells unless all of the prior rights of the Big Lost River at and below the Arco Canal are filled or satisfied, or unless the wells have been constructed under the supervision of the Department. This directive was provided by letter of June 2, 1989 from Glen Saxton, IDWR Water Allocations Bureau Chief, to Doug Rosenkrance, watermaster of Water District 34 (copy enclosed).

The well which you visited with staff on July 25 does not appear to be the 'old Peterson well' or any well that was subject to the Winger decision. The well in question appears to be that well described by the attached well log dated August 22, 1972. The log indicates that this well is a 200 ft. deep well with perforations from 105 to 200 feet. The well is presently owned in partnership between Anita Mc Affee and Buzz Banta. Mrs. Mc Affee advised Department staff on July 26, 1996 that the well was cleaned out last year by Hendricks Drilling. Mc Affee stated that Hendricks cleaned the well down to a depth of 110 feet. Department staff have also researched the records of Lost River Electric and found that prior to 1996, this well was last used in 1988. Utility records were matched to this well by the utility pole number, which is number 541. The water rights associated with this well are 34-

07226A and 34-07226B. Diversion rates for these rights are 3.00 and 1.52 cfs respectively. On July 25, Department staff measured about 80 inches (1.6 cfs) discharging from the well. The measured diversion rate is significantly less than the authorized rates of diversion.

It is our conclusion that the well which you visited with Department staff on July 25 is not the 'old Peterson well'. The well which you visited is a separate well which has been owned by Clyde or Anita Mc Affee and was not part of the Winger decision. The Department does not have special conditions or restrictions regarding the use of this well. The rights diverted from this well are supplemental ground water rights.

If you believe that this Mc Affee well is impacting any senior priority water rights which you hold, you may wish to consider filing a call for water pursuant to the Conjunctive Management Rules and Regulations for the Big Lost River Basin.

Sincerely,

Norm Young

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