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KARL J. DREHER DIRECTOR

RE:

TRANSFER APPLICATION NO. 4804 FOR RIGHT NOS.

63-04037 AND 63-09758 (QUAIL HOLLOW GOLF COURSE)

Dear Interested Party:

This letter serves two purposes. One, the status of the above-referenced transfer application to add a cold water well to the Quail Hollow Golf Course (Applicant) irrigation system is summarized. Two, approval for a proposed pump test is granted subject to conditions of approval enumerated in this letter.

APPLICATION STATUS

All of the protests of the transfer application have been resolved or otherwise concluded with the exception of the Terteling protest. It is my understanding that the parties are continuing their efforts to settle that protest.

Comments have been received from Stewart Gulch Watermaster Bill Harenberg. It remains to be seen whether or not the new well will be subject to watermaster control if the department approves the transfer application.

Data from the initial, and very brief, pump test conducted earlier this year have been submitted to the department.

No comments have been received from Vancroft, the owner of record for some or all of the Applicant property, specifying whether or not the transfer proposal has been endorsed by that corporation.

PUMP TEST, GENERAL CONDITIONS

A limited pump test of the new well is authorized under the following conditions. Note that a choice must be made by the two junior parties in the water district (Terteling and Applicant) prior to any pump test. Currently, Flora Company has reported water level recovery at its wells near the point where junior rights could be allowed to divert once again.

However, because use of the Terteling windsock well and/or the Applicant's upper well might mask any impact on Flora's wells associated with the pump test well, the following initial steps must be considered prior to any pump test:

1. Both Terteling and the Applicant must agree that their wells currently closed by the watermaster will remain closed for the duration of the pump test (not to exceed seven days), even if senior right holders have indicated that

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water district water is available for use by the junior wells.

2. If either of the these junior right holders does not agree to the first point, the watermaster is authorized to deliver water to the junior parties in priority order once the senior right holders (Flora and Edwards) indicate that senior wells are receiving adequate water. Use of the junior wells remains under control of the watermaster and may be curtailed upon a valid call for water by a senior right holder.

3. In the event that point no. 2 is selected, a pump test is not authorized until circumstances meet the terms of point no. 1.

PUMP TEST, SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

- 1. The above-outlined general conditions must be met first.
- 2. The pump test shall occur for at least four, but no more than seven, days.
- 3. The department may stop the test at any time based upon a finding that injury or other significant factors are found to warrant termination of the test.
- 4. Approval of the pump test does not authorize trespass or constitute a right-of-way upon any lands.
- 5. Approval of the pump test does not constitute approval of the transfer application nor indicate the department's intentions to either approve or deny the application.
- 5. The following parties must be notified prior to the beginning of the test, during any interruption of the test and at the conclusion of the test:

Stewart Gulch Watermaster Bill Harenberg, 344-2369;

Flora Company c/o attorney William Snyder, 336-9080;

Edwards Greenhouses c/o Mike or Garnette Monnie, 342-7548;

Terteling Trust No. 7 c/o attorney William Collins, 336-5200; and

Idaho Department of Water Resources, Steve Lester or Lori Graves at the Western Region office, 334-2190.

- 7. The test well can only be used to irrigate the golf course during the test within the limits of the appurtenant water rights at the golf course but cannot be used in conjunction with low temperature geothermal ("hot") water.
- 8. At a minimum, the Applicant must monitor flow, drawdown, temperature and effects in the existing observation well described in the pump test proposal dated August 23, 1996. Additionally, the Applicant must monitor similar parameters at the test well.
 - 9. The Applicant must monitor, or provide reasonable information to assist

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in monitoring, any effects at both wells located at Flora; these are the "Pit" and "Shed" wells. This will be done by notifying the watermaster to allow him to monitor Flora wells on days 1, 2 and 3 of the test. Additionally, the watermaster will monitor Flora wells on the final test day plus on the following day.

- 10. Other parties are free to monitor any aspects of their wells as they see fit after being notified by the Applicant that the test will begin.
- 11. At the conclusion of the pump test, the Applicant will submit a report to the department.
- 12. The report will describe the test type and methodology, will include all test data collected by the Applicant, and will analyze the test results. The report should discuss the aquifer characteristics and potential effects from pumping the test well. Specifically, the report must draw conclusions regarding the degree of interconnection, if any, between the test well and any of the wells of the water district, particularly the Flora wells.
- 15. The report should indicate the Applicant's intended use of the test well with respect to anticipated use dates and the rate of flow plus annual volume to be diverted on a regular basis from the test well should it be approved as a production well.

To expedite the possible test, I am sending this letter via facsimile where possible and have discussed the matter telephonically with the remaining parties. Letters will also be mailed for your records. Replies before and during the test may be sent via facsimile to this office if you prefer (334-2348).

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the proposed pump test or the department's conditions listed in this letter. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope this test assists the water users in moving to a long-term solution to the water shortages experienced in the Stewart Gulch area, and I would like to express my thanks to all of you for your continued efforts in this process.

Sincerely,

Steve Lester

Deputy Regional Manager

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