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Castle Creek Watermaster Mike Ihli
Water District #57C

SENT BY EMAIL ONLY

Re: Castle Creek Delivery Calls

Dear Mike:

This morning we discussed the Castle Creek water supply situation. You said you already had delivery calls by senior rights downstream from a junior storage right. Storage water rights are subject to the same priority date system as all other water rights under watermaster regulation.

Fuquay storage water right 57-2314 authorizes year around diversion to storage for the Foreman Reservoir located away from Castle Creek. Right 57-2314 can be diverted anytime during the year to fill the Foreman Reservoir if enough water is available for this 1931 priority right.

Diversion to storage for 57-2314 must cease immediately if:

- The watermaster receives a delivery call from senior rights during the authorized period of use for those senior rights; and
- There is not enough water to satisfy senior rights and the 1931 storage right simultaneously, and;
- The watermaster informs the owner of right 57-2134 to stop diverting water in order to satisfy senior water rights.

In this instance, it is clear that diversion to storage under right 57-2314 should cease if the water supply is not sufficient to satisfy a 1931 priority. Failure for a right holder to comply with correct instructions from a watermaster regarding diversion of water under the priority system is subject to additional enforcement action by the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Please let me know if you need any help in this or in other matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Lester', is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Lester
Water Rights Supervisor