

MEMO

TO: CFPRBA Claim No. 96-9367

FR: E. Roda

DATE: 9/13/2023

RE: Diversion works and water use

I returned a call from claimant, William Rupert, on September 13, regarding his concerns about the location of the point of diversion associated with water right no. 96-9367. Mr. Rupert explained that he was unsure of the precise point of diversion (spring box) location when he filed the claim, and believed it may be located elsewhere on the property. After some searching, he now believes it may be located closer to the southeast corner of the parcel. He stated that the irrigation system has not been in use on the property since he purchased it approximately 7 years ago, and that he is working to get the system up and running again. There is some remnant aluminum pipe pieces left on site near what he believes may have been the previous spring box, but that has been completely filled/covered with soil. He is still unsure of the original spring box location, but stated his intent to continue looking and will send us any additional information and evidence he finds. He also explained in our call that there is currently no electricity running to the north side of his property to power irrigation pumps, so he has interest in developing an in-stream reservoir (Fry Creek) to impound water for a new irrigation use at that location.

Mr. Rupert stated that there are numerous other springs and seeps on the property that they may want to develop for use. I explained that if he is unable to confirm the original spring diversion location or its recent usage, but still wishes to develop an irrigation system for use of water from these other sources, than he may instead pursue a new water right through the submission of an Application for Permit. Additionally, Mr. Rupert's pond (water right no. 96-9280) has been silting in so he would like to clean it out and possibly install new structures upstream to limit the silt transport into the pond. He also has a problem with heavily saturated soils in the southeast corner of his property that they would like to mitigate. I forwarded him over to our Stream Channel Protection Agent and allocations staff for assistance developing those new projects.