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## Review Memo

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**Date:** October 8, 2024

**To:** File 97-9839

**From:** Craig L. Saxton

**Re:** Claim 97-9839

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Page 4 of Application Processing Memo #61 – Permitting Requirements for Ponds – discusses small ponds meeting the domestic exemption. The storage use of the claimed pond is estimated at 0.5 AF which includes evaporation losses. This is well within the domestic exemption. The source of the pond is claimed as ground water. The claimant stated that the pond was dug and intersects the water table exposing the ground water. Historic aerial photography dating back to 1966 don't show signs of a pond or even vegetation that might indicate the existence of a spring. This supports the claimed source as being ground water from an exposed water table.

App Processing Memo #61 states:

“If a water user desires to file an application for permit (*in this case a claim – cls*) for a pond even though the use meets the statutory requirements for exemption of domestic uses, the use would normally be approved as a domestic use with a standard diversion rate and not storage component.”

The use claimed under 97-9839 does meet the statutory requirements for exemption of domestic use. In order to add a diversion rate instead of a volume, I back calculated the diversion rate needed to produce 0.5 AF, if water was diverted for the recommended season of use (365 days). That rate is well under 0.01 cfs. I am recommending a diversion rate of 0.01 cfs for this claim with a shared 13K gpd limit with 97-8371.