

WATER RIGHT SUMMARY: MURGOITIO DAIRY AND FEEDLOT

In 1995 claimants filed transfer #68272 on domestic/stockwater claim 63-17946 proposing an additional well to supply more water for their dairy. The claim listed .46 cfs for 750 dairy cows, which exceeded definition 42-111, and a 1930 priority date. Commercial use was not included. The transfer was put on hold due to the questionable elements of the claim. Claimants then hired ERO to evaluate their increased use of water since 1930 and file/amend the necessary water rights/claims. The following rights are the result of ERO's evaluation.

DAIRY

An affidavit indicates that the dairy started as a sheep/dairy ranch around 1930.

Claim 63-32217 covers the initial operation as described by the claimants. Commercial use was claimed.

1955 dairy records indicated 490 wet cows on site.

Claim 63-17946 was filed to cover the dairy expansion between 1930 and 1955. Commercial use was not claimed.

According to the claimants, not much change occurred between 1955 and 1963.

1987 dairy records indicated 571 wet cows on site.

Permit 63-31662 was filed to cover the dairy expansion between 1955 and 1987. Commercial use was listed.

Note: all volume calculations were based on department standards and information provided by claimant's consultant regarding commercial and stockwater uses.

FEEDLOT

The feedlot is located on a different site and separate from the dairy.

Decree 63-17945 covers 500 stock at the feedlot with a 1929 priority date.

Presumably, not much change occurred at the feedlot between 1929 and 1963.

Permit 63-31661 covers 160 additional stock added between 1929 and 1987.

Note: Steve Hannula (ERO) stated that once the SRBA claims are decreed, transfer #68272 will be withdrawn.