



Outlook

Re: Shiflett Family Management

From Thane Kindred <thane.rmea@gmail.com>

Date Mon 5/12/2025 4:13 PM

To Stewart, Christian <Christian.Stewart@idwr.idaho.gov>

Cc Kristin Moore <kristin.rmea@gmail.com>

 2 attachments (526 KB)

LPR Well 2 Data 7.16.24.pdf; LPR Well 1 Data 7.16.24.pdf;

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Hey Christian,

Thank you for reaching out to us about this concern. We really appreciate receiving an explanation rather than a simple rejection letter.

In looking into this concern we reached out to Intermountain Aquatics. They conducted a groundwater elevation study from November 2023 to July 2024. Here is what they had to say:

"We monitored groundwater levels in the proposed pond sites from November 2023 to July 2024 and used that information for design of the pond levels. See attached plots of the groundwater levels, well 2 was in the footprint of the upper pond (design water level 6925) and well 1 was in the lower pond (design water level of 6919). Very steady, shallow groundwater and above the design water levels so seepage out should be nil."

Based on this study we expect that we will only need first-time fill once as the pond won't dry every year and that seepage from the pond will be so small as to be negligible.

Thanks,
Thane

On Thu, May 8, 2025 at 10:47 AM Stewart, Christian <Christian.Stewart@idwr.idaho.gov> wrote:
Thane,

IDWR is reviewing the transfer proposal for Shiflett. We cannot approve the transfer as currently configured.

- the acres being converted for evaporation only authorize water to be stored for evaporation loss. Not enough water is being authorized to allow for first-time fill or for seepage.
- I understand that the mitigation plan is to dry up 21 acres one time. Nothing indicates that the pond will stay full through the winter, meaning multiple first time fills will be necessary.

Perhaps the 21 acres can be permanently dried up.

Let me know how you want to proceed.

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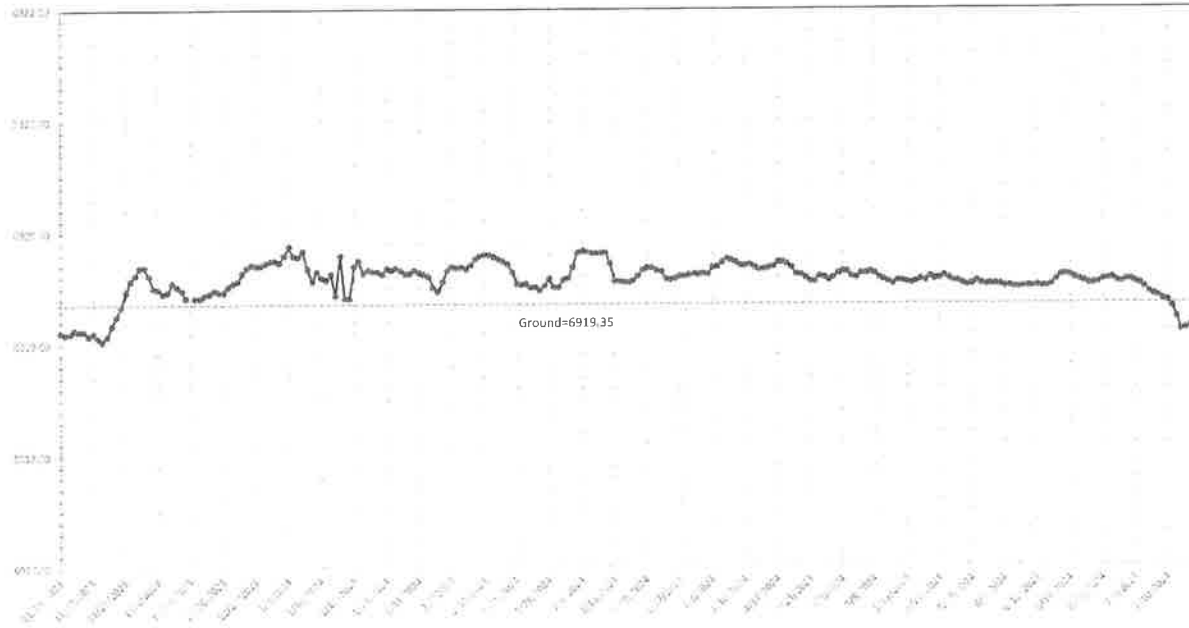


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Thanks,

Thane Kindred, GIT

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