

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 4/8/2026
FROM: Brian Wunsch, Senior Water Resource Agent
TO: Memo to File
RE: BRBA Montpelier Irrigation Company Claims

The total number of irrigated acres claimed is equal to the sum of the individual decreed rights for Montpelier Irrigation Company, 5,580. However, the precise shapefiles provided by the claimant include 4,179 acres of actual irrigation. This is a significant discrepancy in excess of the 5% allowable by IDWR guidance.

The E. Strong, et al vs. Montpelier Irr. Co., et al decree determined water rights for Montpelier Irrigation Company and several individual water users. This decree was generally favorable to the water user and liberal in the diversion rate and number of irrigated acres decreed. Over time, several of these individual water users turned their water rights over to the company and received certificated shares in return. The generous effect of the decree was compounded as all of the individual rights were grouped together under the company's growth over time.

The recommendation of irrigated acres is being made to reflect the actual historical use of the company as claimed according to the actual irrigated acres shapefile they provided. This recommendation aims to make an accurate and updated record of the historically decreed rights.

List of applicable claims: 11-1015, 11-1018, 11-1019, 11-1020, 11-1021, 11-1022, 11-1023, 11-1024, 11-1025, 11-1034, 11-1036, 11-1037, 11-1038, 11-1039, 11-1040, 11-2159, 11-9319, 11-9321, 11-9328, 11-9329, & 11-9342.
