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Subject: RE: 11-4226 Bennington Irrigation Co Meeting
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Thank you, Chris. We will reach out to the Company and get back to you.

Sincerely,

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Good morning,

I am working through BRBA claim 11-7374 filed by the Phelps Brothers LLC for a licensed well supplying irrigation. The claimant's license includes a condition prioritizing surface water use before the licensed well, and states that the surface water must remain connected to the property. The water right backfile shows that this condition relates to Bennington Irrigation Company sharewater that completely overlaps the irrigated acres and licensed place of use.

I am emailing you because Bennington Irrigation Company did not include the Phelps Brothers

LLC land related to their claim 11-7374, see attached map. I spoke with Rhett, representative Phelps Brothers LLC and board member for Bennington Irrigation Company, and he said that he did retain sharewater to cover the land and that the canal company should include these acres in their actual irrigated acres map. Rhett does not have authority to amend the canal company's claim(s) to make the necessary changes.

This email is to notify the canal company of the scenario, have the canal company determine whether the land covered by the Phelps Brothers LLC should be included in the canal company's actual irrigated acres, and provide an avenue to update the canal company's claim(s). If the canal company does not confirm or agree that the land should be included in its claims, no further steps are needed. If the canal company confirms the land should be included in its claims, an amended claim adding the additional acres and map showing the added acres must be submitted.

If you have any questions regarding this email please contact me.

Sincerely,

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