

Lester, Steve

From: Brandi Horton [watermaster67@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, June 27, 2014 11:59 AM
To: Lester, Steve
Subject: RE: Deputy Watermaster petition

Good Afternoon Steve,

For some reason my email in response to the letter you and John prepared for Weiser Irrigation District was in my drafts file rather than sent to you. I'm sorry I didn't figure that out until just now. The letter looked perfect to me. It is exactly what I would write to them as well. Their request is extremely vague and leaves one with far more questions than answers. I'm forwarding a copy of this email to John as well, and again I apologize for your not receiving this yesterday morning as intended.

Have a Great Day!

Brandi Horton
Watermaster-Dist 67

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

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From: "Lester, Steve"
Date: 06/23/2014 12:11 PM (GMT-07:00)
To: watermaster67@hotmail.com
Subject: Deputy Watermaster petition

Hi Brandi:

I talked to John this morning about what we discussed last week, Weiser Irrigation District request to make J. Wray a deputy. He agrees with attached draft letter I put together. Their petition also attached.

Any comments/suggestions for the letter? Please reply to me by Thursday June 26. I'm here except Wednesday if you want to talk about it some more.

Whatever happens, needs to go thru water district membership at annual meeting plus have your support and the department's support – can't just happen because somebody wants it.

Thanks for your help with this.

Steve

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How would the deputy actually manage increased regulation of diversions? Would this involve onsite visits to the diversions? How would the deputy coordinate additional regulation with the WD 67 watermaster?

Enforce Water Appropriation: ~~What do you mean? Why is there a need for more regulation?~~ Are there specific problems for the area in question? For example, is a specific diversion being used out of priority or for an excessive amount of water?

Compensate Deputy Watermaster: What specific compensation do you propose? This would mean an increase in the WD 67 budget. How would WD 67 as a whole benefit from increased regulation and increased expenses?

Please provide the above requested information at your earliest convenience.

Summary: existing deputy watermaster duties should always be coordinated with the WD 67 watermaster to protect the priority system and remain consistent with water rights. Any increase in regulation as proposed by your petition must include the following to be considered for approval:

- Documentation provided to IDWR justifying more regulation, including the above requested information
- Support of the WD 67 watermaster
- Approval at the next annual WD 67 meeting to increase deputy regulation
- Approval at the next annual WD 67 meeting to increase budget for additional expenses.

Thank you for your interest in WD 67 and your attention to this letter. I would be glad to discuss this in more detail if you prefer (208-334-2190).

Sincerely,

John Westra
Western Regional Manager

Cc: WD 67 Watermaster Brandi Horton