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RE: Cal Low application for diversion to storage

Dear Steve:

At our recent meeting of the water district we discussed the application made by Cal Low to divert non-irrigation season flows from Castle Creek to storage for irrigation. The purpose of this letter is to offer our support to the approval of that application, and to offer brief testimony as to the dynamics of the Castle Creek watershed.


As we understand it, Mr. Low is proposing to divert water only during the non-irrigation season, November 15 thru March of the following year. As you know, and as we have all experienced first-hand, the flows in Castle Creek vary widely. At times, there is almost no water in the creek at all. At times there is an overabundance. At these times, which generally (but not always) happen during the late winter and spring, the extra water flows on down to the Snake River rather than being used beneficially. The diversion of a portion of these flows by Mr. Low at this time of year would not affect any users during the irrigation season of use.

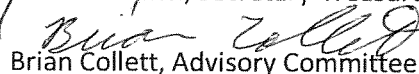
Obviously, the water has to be in the creek during that period of time, or there will be no water for Mr. Low to divert, and that will be his risk. He would be subject to any diversion to storage rights with priority dates senior to his. It should be a simple matter that if there is water available during the non-irrigation season of use, he should be able to capture it for beneficial use later on.


Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Should you have questions for any district member, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

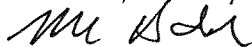

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