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Subject: Little Canyon Creek measuring device at mouth of creek

## Hello Folks:

I understand from talking &/or emailing with you recently that there is some concern about the measurement order issued by the department (IDWR) last year for Little Canyon Creek water rights. The particular item of concern is measuring the amount of water at the mouth of the creek to verify it is sufficient to divert your rights from your Snake River pumps. This email is to let you know IDWR intends to coordinate with you and the Watermasters for Little Canyon Creek & the Snake River regarding this requirement. A single measurement method should suffice for everyone — no need to double up with more work & expense in this regard.

The order required the work to be completed earlier this month, followed by a Watermaster & IDWR inspection. This office is running behind schedule due to significant and unexpected staff turnover, more than 50%! It's only fair to allow more time for water users to complete this work if needed. As long as people are working on it &/or waiting for IDWR participation, as in this case, there should be no need to worry about reasonable delays. The only exception is someone making a delivery call to the Watermaster but not yet complying with the order. The Watermaster will not be able to deliver water to that person. This should not be a problem for your rights located at the bottom end of the creek.

As soon as things settle down on this end, we will be in touch and work with you to get this job done. I appreciate your patience until then.

Best regards,

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