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From Cindy Yenter 
To WD 470 file
RE Visit from Gary Guy, Stricker Station

Mr. Guy visited the office with concerns that flows in Rock Creek at the Rock Creek Station/Stricker Homesite diversion fell very low over the past summer. He indicated that the water right priority for the property was around 1883. Mr. Guy indicated that he had phoned the watermaster, Ryan Franklin but that his calls were not returned.

I phoned the watermaster and asked him if he had spoken with Mr. Guy this past year; Mr. Franklin recalled talking to him once or twice, and that the low flows Mr. Guy witnessed did coincide with the hottest part of the summer when upstream diversions were at their maximum. 2010 aerial photography indicates an impoundment on the creek upstream from Rock Creek Station that could be a beaver dam, another impoundment or just a wide spot with a downed tree. I asked Mr. Franklin if he had ever checked the creek channel upstream from Rock Creek Station, and he admitted he did not ever look at the channel between the old Stricker weir and the Rock Creek Station pump

Water right recommendations at Rock Creek Station are made under 47-129B and 130B, which are part of the original Stricker irrigation rights. There are numerous water rights on Rock Creek senior to the Stricker rights and dating back into the 1870's. The Rock Creek Station pump is downstream from the East Canal diversion and also the historic Stricker Ranch diversion now owned by Robert Meyers. It is entirely possible that most of the available flows in Rock Creek would be diverted during the peak of the irrigation season. Nevertheless I advised the watermaster that he might investigate that reach of Rock Creek below the Stricker weir to determine if there are any obstructions or impoundments that could be impeding flows.

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