

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/23/01

FROM: Lori Graves *LG*

TO: Steve Lester, John Westra, Gary Spackman

RE: Water District 67A

The attendees at the Little Weiser River Water District meeting, held 1/22/2001 at Indian Valley, requested stronger support from the Department in regards to the installation and maintenance of adequate measuring devices and headgates by the water users. The attendees asked that the original order issued by the Department in 1979 be enforced for following reasons:

1. A letter was sent out by the irrigation district last fall, asking for compliance to the measuring device requirement by the shareholders, otherwise they would not be delivered water. The problem is that some users on the delivery system are part of the water district, not the irrigation district.
2. The irrigation district and water district both experienced a water shortage last season primarily due to mis-management of water.
3. Without proper headgates and measuring devices in place, the water delivery system cannot be properly managed.
4. As a result of #3, the water district has had a high turnover rate of water masters...four since 1992.

Based on the circumstances addressed above, the Department should re-issue a measuring devise order for Water District 67A effective the 2001 irrigation season. Unlike the 1979 order, the Department must be dedicated to enforcement of the new order.