



FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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Re: Water District 13T – Gem Valley Farms Fax Dated June 12, 2003

Chad,

I reviewed your last fax message dated June 12. I feel that making the necessary system changes at the well so that water right 13-7198B is appurtenant to and consistent with the place of use described under the right is certainly an acceptable option. This right is appurtenant to the small pivot in Section 29 and the large pivot in the NE1/4 of Section 29. I assume from review of your fax that the 42 acre pie shape under right 13-7198B that you designated as being a place of use within the large pivot in the SE1/4 of Section 20 and irrigated from the DC well no longer applies since this pivot will be irrigated with canal water only. As I understand it, the 42 acres will not be irrigated from ground water this year.

Installing the flow meter now would be helpful. I think IDWR would be more insistent on the flow meter installation if we approve a permissible place of use transfer from this well. The flow meter may not be necessary this year as long as the watermaster can determine what pivots the well is going to. Perhaps it would help to review the matter with Craig Shuler before you install the meter – I want to avoid a situation where you may end up having to move or change the meter location later on based on approval of the transfer or upon our inspection after the install. Remember, most meters require up to 10 pipe diameters upstream and 5 diameters downstream of straight unobstructed pipe. These requirements can sometimes be reduced using straightening vanes or other measures.

Thanks for your reply and attention to this matter. Tim

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