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Attention: Craig Thurgood  
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Department of Water Resources  
Eastern District Office

RE: PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF THE WATER SUPPLY FOR THE CITY OF  
BANCROFT

Dear Mr. Thurgood:

I have reviewed the letter dated May 30, 1995 to the Department of Water Resources (department) from Robert Jenkins, the mayor of Bancroft, seeking review and comment on certain proposed changes to the water system of the city. Mr. Jenkins asked that comments on the project be sent directly to you.

The proposal involves several areas of authority administered by the department as described below. More specifically, "drilling permits" must be obtained from the department before any test wells or production wells can be drilled. The water rights associated with the proposed project are the other consideration.

Without more specifics, however, I can't determine whether the city plans to appropriate more water (either a larger rate of diversion or a larger volume) than represented by existing water rights. If so, a water right filing termed an "application for permit" for the increased amount must be filed with the department. If not, an "application for transfer" may be the proper document to file with the department to add a new well to the existing system. Processing time for either document could take about eight (8) weeks, assuming the filing is not protested by other water users.

Please feel free to contact our Eastern Regional office in Idaho Falls who can more properly advise you on the type of water right filing needed after you provide more specifics about the planned project to them. The phone number there is (208) 525-7161 should you wish to schedule an appointment.

Sincerely,

L. GLEN SAXTON, Chief  
Water Allocation Bureau

c: IDWR - E. Region  
Robert Jenkins