



State of Idaho

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June 17, 1994

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Re: Water District 47C

Dear Sir:

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Department of Water Resources
Southern Region Office

Enclosed is an order requiring water users that divert water from Houes Creek and Little House Creek and its tributaries to install measuring devices and controlling works. The order also provides for watermaster control over all headgates and controlling works.

Please note that the order requires permanent measuring devices and lockable controlling works prior to the 1995 irrigation season. Temporary measuring devices and controlling works for the remainder of this season are not required. However, if measuring devices are not in place this year, the watermaster will estimate flows and regulate diversions accordingly. Regulating diversions includes the authority to adjust and lock headgates.

Failure to install adequate measuring devices and controlling works for the following season provides authority for the watermaster to shut off and refuse delivery of water to the diversion in question. In addition, water users having diversions which are not in compliance with this order next year may be subject to civil penalties of up to \$100 per day.

Measuring devices should be installed at an adequate location that is accessible and as close as possible to the diversion from the natural channel.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Luke".

Tim Luke
Hydrologist
Water Allocations

cc: Jack Eastman, Watermaster
Southern Region
John Coleman

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OF THE
STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF REQUIRING MEASURING DEVICES AND)
ORDERING WATERMASTER CONTROL OVER ALL HEADGATES,)
CONTROLLING WORKS AND OUTLET GATE CONTROLS ON) ORDER
ON HOUSE CREEK AND LITTLE HOUSE CREEKS AND ITS')
TRIBUTARIES, LOCATED IN WATER DISTRICT 47C.)
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After further consultation with the watermaster of Water District no. 47C, the Department finds that inadequate measuring devices and lockable controlling works presently exist in Water District 47C for House Creek and Little House Creeks and their tributaries.

Section 42-701, Idaho Code, provides:

42-701. INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF CONTROLLING WORKS AND MEASURING DEVICES BY WATER APPROPRIATORS -- PROCEDURE UPON FAILURE TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN -- MEASURING AND REPORTING OF DIVERSIONS -- PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY -- REPORT FILING FEE.

(1) The appropriators or users of any public waters of the state of Idaho shall maintain to the satisfaction of the director of the department of water resources suitable headgates and controlling works at the point where the water is diverted. Each device shall be of such construction that it can be locked and kept closed by the watermaster or other officer in charge, and shall also be of such construction as to regulate the flow of water at the diversion point. Each such appropriator shall construct and maintain, when required by the director of the department of water resources, a rating flume or other measuring device at such point as is most practical in such canal, ditch, wellhead or pipeline for the purpose of assisting the watermaster or department in determining the amount of water that may be diverted into said canal, wellhead or pipeline from the stream, well or other source of public water. Plans for such headgates, rating flumes or other measuring devices shall be approved by the department of water resources.

(3) Any appropriator or user of the public waters of the state of Idaho that neglects or refuses to construct or maintain such

headgates, controlling works, or measuring devices. . . , upon receiving ten (10) days' notice from the director of the department of water resources within which to begin and diligently pursue to completion the construction or installation of the required device or devices or to begin and diligently pursue to completion a remedy to such defects as exist in accordance with said notice, then the director of the department of water resources may order the duly qualified and acting watermaster of the water district to shut off and refuse to deliver at the point of diversion, the water owned by such appropriator or user until the user does construct and maintain such headgates, controlling works or measuring devices or remedy the defects which exist, or the director may take action pursuant to sections 42-311, 42-350 and 42-351, Idaho Code, to enforce the requirement to construct, install or maintain such devices.

(4) The appropriators or users of the public waters of the state of Idaho shall be given a reasonable time within which to complete construction of such headgates, controlling works or measuring devices, depending upon the size and extent thereof, when due diligence has been used in the prosecution of such work.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Those water users identified in Attachment A of this order diverting water from House Creek and Little House Creek and their tributaries shall install permanent measuring devices and permanent lockable controlling works of a type acceptable to the Department prior to the 1995 irrigation season.

2. If diversions on House Creek and Little House Creek and their tributaries do not have adequate measuring devices and/or controlling works for the 1994 irrigation season, the watermaster shall estimate diversion flows, and then adjust flows to the diversions to the best of his ability according to these estimates and rights of prior appropriation.

3. The watermaster shall shut off and refuse to deliver water from House Creek and Little House Creek and their tributaries to any water user identified in Attachment A who does not have adequate permanent lockable controlling works and a measuring device after the start of the 1995 irrigation season. In addition,

the Department can take action to seek civil penalties of up to \$100 per diversion per day for those diversions which are not in compliance with this order.

Dated this 15TH day of JUNE, 1994


R. KEITH HIGGINSON
DIRECTOR

ATTACHMENT A

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