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WD 140  
GCID

July 24, 2008

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Governor

DAVID R. TUTHILL, JR.  
Director

Board of Directors  
Goose Creek Irrigation District  
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Re: Approval of Request to Measure and Report as a Sub-District in Water District No. 140

Dear Board Members:

Your petition to the Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) for Goose Creek Irrigation District (GCID) to measure and report to Water District 140 has been approved for irrigation diversions. Brian Higgs and his firm, Water Well Consultants (WWC), will be recognized as the hydrographer for GCID. All measurement activities are expected to be in conformance with IDWR measurement standards and statutory reporting requirements. A copy of IDWR's measurement and reporting guidelines, supplemented by IDWR acceptable standards for open channel and closed conduit measuring devices is included for reference. The Department plans to send an order soon to users in Water District 140 regarding measurement of diversions and will provide more specific information to individual users at that time.

As indicated by Water District 140 Watermaster Cindy Yenter in a letter to you dated June 16, 2008, authorization for WWC to conduct measurement and reporting in GCID will be limited to irrigation diversions only. This is appropriate since it is the Department's understanding that membership in GCID currently consists of irrigation ground water rights only. All ground water diversions for commercial, municipal, industrial or other non-irrigation uses within GCID will be measured, assessed by, and reported directly to WD140. Owners of these water rights may petition to join GCID as mitigation-only members as necessary to avoid curtailment of their water rights, assuming GCID is a participant in a water mitigation or replacement plan approved by the Director of IDWR. Future requests to include non-irrigation ground water diversions in GCID for measurement and reporting may be considered contingent upon further information from GCID as to how non-irrigation diversions will be measured and reported by GCID.

Mr. Higgs will be given access to the GCID irrigation diversion records in the Water Measurement Information System (WMIS) database so that he will be able to complete data entry of measurements and annual withdrawal data. Please advise me if GCID wishes to have a separate WMIS login.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Luke', written over the word 'Regards'.

Tim Luke  
Water Distribution Section

cc: Cindy Yenter, Watermaster WD140  
Brian Higgs, WWC