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5/30/2000

HALF MOON RANCH
ATTN JIM CHAMBERS
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COPY

RE: REMOVAL OF WATERMASTE ON COLD SPRINGS CREEK

Dear Mr. Chambers:

On May 22, 2000, our office received a complaint from you stating that the watermaster was not delivering the water of Cold Springs Creek properly. On 5/23/2000 I went down and toured the points of diversion on Cold Springs Creek with the Watermaster. During my visit with the watermaster, I discovered that there was not enough water in Cold Springs Creek to deliver all of the decreed rights. I spoke with Harley Riggs and Cheral McCallister about the situation and I was convinced that it is not possible to deliver more water to the Half Moon Ranch. Charter Mountain Ranch and Double Anchor Ranch have a higher priority date than your ranch and are barely getting enough water to satisfy their decreed rights. Mr. Riggs told me that even if we left the earlier rights in the creek that you still would not receive enough water to satisfy your needs. From my observation, it looks as though the reason for the reduction of water to your point of diversion is a result of the changes in irrigation practices of both Charter Mountain Ranch and Double Anchor Ranch. Both ranches have converted to sprinkler irrigation in the last 3-4 years. Resulting in a reduction of return flows to the creek that your farm has historically used to irrigate.

On 5/24/2000, I discovered that you had sent a letter while I was in the field with the watermaster on 5/23/2000. This letter requested the removal of Cheral McCallister as watermaster. Gary Spackman and I spoke with you on the telephone that afternoon. You asked us to hold the letter removing Ms. McCallister from service until you speak with your partners. You told us that you would call us the following day and let us know what to do with your 5/23/2000 letter. We have not heard from you and would like to ask if you wish to proceed with the removal of the water master.

Please contact us as soon as possible to determine what you would like us to do with your removal request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel A. Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daniel A. Nelson
Sr. Water Right Agent