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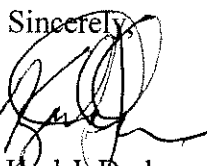
Re: Oakley Canal Company & Southwest Irrigation District

Dear Mr. Parsons:

I have reviewed your letter to me dated June 4, 2003, regarding placement of the Oakley Canal Company and Southwest Irrigation District into a water district separate from Water District No. 130. I appreciate your summary of the characteristics and factors pertaining to water management for these two entities.

While I have not yet made any final decisions regarding the configuration of water district boundaries as additional water rights are decreed in the Snake River Basin Adjudication, you make a persuasive case as to why the Oakley Canal Company & the Southwest Irrigation District should have some type of water management framework that is distinct from the ground water and surface water rights currently within Water District No. 130. Consequently, I anticipate that the Oakley Canal Company and the Southwest Irrigation District will be placed into at least a separate subdistrict within Water District No. 130, if not an entirely separate Water District as they have requested.

Thank you for your correspondence on this matter.

Sincerely,

 Karl J. Dreher
 Director

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