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**To:** WD67A File

**From:** Nick Miller

**Date:** 7/20/2016

**RE:** 7/19/16 Meeting Water District 67A – Little Weiser River and Tributaries

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Yesterday morning I met with Clifford Crossley, Patrick Kelly, Royce and Bob Schwenkfelder and their attorney Bryce Ferris. The meeting was held at the request of Mr. Ferris to help determine whether his clients should pursue some kind of formal action with the department to ensure improvements to water delivery in WD67A continue to be pursued and real improvements are realized. After some discussion we determined Mr. Ferris does not need to file a petition with the department at this time, but we agreed to establish some goals and a broad schedule to address some of the delivery issues the district has experienced.

Primary to our discussion was an emphasis on bringing the diversions from the Little Weiser River into compliance with a 2001 order requiring measurement and control. Based on a review of the water right records, as well as a review of the river system during an April tour with water users and an overview of a map with the watermaster and water users, approximately 25 diversions from the Little Weiser are potentially in use. These diversions are named and located in approximately downstream order on the attached table.

We agreed the watermaster should make an effort to bring these 25 diversions into compliance with adequate control works and adequate measuring devices ASAP, and we recognize that priority should be given to ensuring the watermaster has control of the diversion. We agreed that an acceptable goal is to have the diversions in compliance within the next couple of years at the latest. We agreed to communicate whatever progress has been made around the end of the irrigation season via a “status report” of the diversions. The report should detail whether each diversion has adequate control and measurement and whether the watermaster has access to the diversion to perform his duties.

Further, we discussed the measurement weir in the river near the Coates diversion. This weir seems to be inaccurate and should be repaired or relocated. Royce S said the Little Weiser Irrigation District (LWID) has budgeted funds to perform some work on that structure and that the LWID should be engaged in discussions on what to do and when.

Location	Diversion Name	Max diversion (cfs)*
T13N R01E S6 NWSE	Coates Ditch	1.393
T13N R01E S6 NWNESW	Richardson Ditch	5.37
T14N R01W S36 SESENW	Inlet Ditch	44.34
T14N R01W S36 NENW	American Lindsay Ditch	5.8
T14N R01W S23 SWNW	Greys Creek Ditch	45.497
T14N R01W S9 SWNESE	Steward Ditch	21.73
T14N R01W S15 NWSE	Moritz Ditch	7.5
T14N R01W S15 SESE	South Ogle Ditch	1.02
T14N R01W S4 SWNWSE	North Ogle Ditch	1
T14N R01W S4 SENESW	Underwood Ditch	1.06
T15N R01W S32 NWSESE	Ball Pump	0.68
T15N R01W S31 NESWSE	Armitage Pump (2 Acres)	0.02
T14N R01W S6 NWNW L4	Shore (Unused?)	1
T14N R02W S1 NWNE L2	Shore Pump	1
T14N R02W S1 SENW L3	Wilkerson Mickey Ditch	18.44
T14N R02W S1 NESW	Schwenkfelder Ditch	42.415
T14N R02W S10 SWSENE	Allison Ditch	17.01
T14N R02W S10 NWSE	JRS Pump	0.42
T14N R02W S10 NESW	Wilkerson Pump 1	8.78
T14N R02W S9 SWSE	Wilkerson Pump 2	10.88
T14N R02W S9 SESW	Wilkerson Pump 3	10.88
T14N R02W S16 NWNWNW	Schwenkfelder Pump	4.665
T14N R02W S17 NENENE	Donart Ditch	15.58
T14N R03W S13 SESESE	Jaeger Pump	0.22
T14N R03W S13 NESESW	Legg Pump	1.23
T14N R03W S14 SENWSE	Royer Pump	1.11
T14N R03W S15 NESE	Mink Lowest	8.1

\* This diversion rate is an estimate based on the face value of the water rights recorded at each location. Some rights may have a diversion rate limited when used with other rights and/or the right may be diverted from multiple points of diversion, so the rates presented here are maximums and are not necessarily additive.

## Neely, Rachel

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**From:** Miller, Nick  
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**To:** Royce Schwenkfelder; Kelly, Patrick; 'Bryce Farris'; 'Bob Schwenkfelder';  
ccrossley@ctcweb.net  
**Cc:** Neely, Rachel  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting notes from 072016 RE WD67A - Correction to minutes

Thanks for the clarification, Royce. I'll see that this email is attached to the memo and added to the scanned document.

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**From:** Royce Schwenkfelder [<mailto:rschwenk@ctcweb.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 25, 2016 7:11 AM  
**To:** Miller, Nick; Kelly, Patrick; 'Bryce Farris'; 'Bob Schwenkfelder'; [ccrossley@ctcweb.net](mailto:ccrossley@ctcweb.net)  
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Nick-  
I appreciate the meeting. I stated that Water District 67A had budgeted money for repairs of the Coates weir and discussed a yearly budget for maintenance for the same. The minutes of this year's meeting should reflect this. I stated that the LWID had constructed the weir, but it is actually most beneficial to 67A and in fact 67A should maintain this weir. Thanks! - Royce

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**From:** Miller, Nick [<mailto:Nick.Miller@idwr.idaho.gov>]  
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**Cc:** Neely, Rachel  
**Subject:** Meeting notes from 072016 RE WD67A

Hello,

Here is the document we discussed during our meeting on Tuesday. Let me know if you have any questions.

Rachel: Please file a copy of this email and memo in the 67A file for 2016 so it will be available on our website.

Thanks,

Nick.