

MEMORANDUM

To: Gray's Creek File
From: Jeff Peppersack
Date: June 6, 2012

Re: Discussion with Joe Stippich – Gray's Creek Lateral Manager Issue

Joe Stippich returned my call to discuss the appointment of a lateral manager on the Gray's Creek Ditch. Joe is the watermaster for Water District 67A and also the manager for LWID delivering storage water to Gray's Creek ditch and others. Joe believes the current problem stems from ditches that have not been properly maintained and able to receive adequate water. Once ditches are properly prepared, water could be measured at all points coming into specific properties and, if insufficient, monitoring upstream on the ditches to see where the problems might be coming from. One of the complications on the Legg place is that water comes in from two locations – (see 15a and 13 on map included with Gray's Creek Canal Assoc. response). In addition, recharge is likely occurring in the lower ditches later in the season, so measurement at upstream points on laterals may be misleading.

Joe believes that although measurement at all points on the ditch may help the ditch over time, costs would be significant to install headgates and measuring devices and to have someone to measure and monitor on a regular basis. Joe recommended that before any decision is made, I should visit the site to gain a better understanding of the system and the complications. We set up a meeting for Thursday, June 7 at 10:30.

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Norma Ratcliff

1491 Shaw Ln

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I called Norma to ask her if she is willing to be a lateral mgr for Grand Ch ditch if appointed by IDWR. Norma said she is willing. She will begin lateral manager assignment for Little Weiser Irrigation District when storage water is delivered later in the season. She will be getting an hourly rate plus mileage for the assignment. She will get back to me regarding the amount she will be paid for the LWID assignment. She agreed that, if appointed by IDWR, the same rate would be reasonable.

Jp

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Jerry Jaeger called me and indicated that the rate anticipated is the amount stated by the 1st elected manager - \$40/hr for first two hours + \$15/hr thereafter with
+ 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2 + total 1.5. ATU

Jimmy said Norma is not the
District manager for LWID, Joe
Stippich is. He said Joe + Norma
will work together once storage
water is delivered.