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Re: Docket Nos. IV-2011-3-4 & IV-2011-3-5

Dear Ms. Paolucci-Rice:

This letter is in regard to the petitions before the State Board of Control, which you submitted on behalf of MRDN Corp. and Melody Ranch Investments I, LLC, for voluntary abandonment, change of use and change of place of use for portions of the following appropriations:

- a) The Selar Cheney Appropriation, Permit No. 1359, diverting from Flat Creek (formerly known as Little Gros Ventre River), tributary Snake River, through the Wilson Ditch, with priority of November 9, 1896.
- b) The Selar Cheney Appropriation, Permit No. 3713, diverting from Flat Creek (formerly known as Little Gros Ventre River), tributary Snake River, through the Wilson & Cheney Ditch, as changed in part to the Wilson Ditch, with priority of January 10, 1902.
- c) The Selar Cheney Appropriation, Permit No. 3715, diverting from Adams Spring, tributary Flat Creek (formerly known as Little Gros Ventre River), tributary Snake River, through the East Side Ditch, with priority of February 10, 1902.
- d) The Consuelo VonGontard Appropriation, Permit No. 18086, diverting from Gros Ventre River, tributary Snake River, through the South Park Supply Ditch, with priority of January 2, 1932.

- e) The J. Fleming Cheney Appropriation, Permit No. 4800 Enl., diverting from Gros Ventre River, tributary Snake River, through the Enlarged South Park Supply Ditch, with priority of January 22, 1932.
- f) The Estate of Consuelo F. VonGontard Appropriation, Permit No. 6238 Enl., diverting from Gros Ventre River, tributary Snake River, through the Enlarged South Park Supply Ditch, with priority of April 29, 1966.

The State Board of Control considered these petitions at its August 2011 meeting and voted to carry over these petitions. The reason for the carry over is to allow time to address the following items:

Docket No. IV-2011-3-4

- 1) We are in need of ownership and consent for those lands that are no longer owned by the petitioner and that have water rights attached to them for which voluntary abandonment is requested by this petition.
- 2) We have received an e-mailed version of an amended map to accompany this petition that addressed the issues noted in my letter dated June 9, 2011. We are still in need of a final copy of the amended map to accompany this petition.

Docket No. IV-2011-3-5

- 1) We are still in need of evidence of the succession of ownership to MRDN Corp. from Melody Ranch Development I, LLC.
- 2) We have received an e-mailed version of an amended map to accompany this petition that addressed the issues noted in my letter dated June 9, 2011. We are still in need of a final copy of the amended map to accompany this petition.
- 3) After reviewing the Consumptive Use Report submitted with this petition, the Board raised some concerns regarding the calculations used. The Board requests that a revised Consumptive Use Report be submitted. I have enclosed a copy of the Consumptive Use Report that includes notes from the State Engineer's review of this Report.

The Board will consider these petitions at its next regularly scheduled meeting, which will commence on November 7, 2011. The Board members may raise additional issues during their review of these petitions.

Once the Board has had an opportunity to consider these petitions, we will notify you of any further questions or outstanding issues which may need addressing.

If you have any questions or if we may be of further assistance in this matter feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,



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