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Good Afternoon,

The meeting yesterday with Mr. Freeman was simply a discussion – I don't have a summary or any notes to share. We did talk about the supplemental information you provided on 10/8 but the data was a bit confusing and Mr. Freeman was going to talk with his fellow Board members early next week. It was also my understanding that Mr. Freeman was going to reach out to you directly while he was in Sunnyside for other business. Hopefully you have a chance to connect with him soon. - Jaime

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Ms Short,

I would appreciate a summary of your discussion from the 9am meeting today, if someone could please send that to me. Let me know if I need to make a public records request. It would help me to know whether the information I provided satisfied Ecology's concerns, or whether Ecology has additional concerns. The decisions on these applications are of utmost importance to my client, I hope everyone understands this—I've done my best to communicate it.

Tony, please keep me on the notification list for the board.

Thank you,

Tim

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Hi Tim,

Thank you for your response to my earlier email. We've discussed the issues with Mr. Freeman and it is our understanding that the Board will be considering their options moving forward.

Sincerely,

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Dear All,

I prepared detailed answers to the below requests for information with hopes this will resolve all of Ecology's concerns, please see attached memo. The Greiffs need the decision approval to resume their farming and livelihood.

Again, the same result is reached, but this does fill in the details for the lower three years of use out of the 5 reviewed for the ACQ statutory requirement.

Please feel free to call me before, during or after your meeting tomorrow if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Tim

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Dear Mr. Reiersen,

Thank you for reaching out to me regarding the processing of the Spokane County Water Conservancy Board's decisions on Mr. Greiff's applications (SPOK-22-01, 02, 03). I have reviewed the record with my team and can assure you that nothing in our decision making process includes a consideration of your client's integrity or future plans for the property. If we have done anything to give you that impression, I sincerely apologize. That being said, we do have significant concerns with the decisions forwarded to us by the Board with their recommendation to approve.

Three applications came before the Board, all of them proposing to add acres and amend the place of use. Unfortunately, each right was not evaluated on its own merits so the record for each decision is insufficient. I understand that the delivery system for these three rights has been integrated but the rights themselves are assigned individual acres. A record of decision needs to be submitted that includes the location of the acres developed under each right, what specific crops were grown on those acres for the 5 year period being evaluated for ACQ, and to what extent those acres can reasonably be expanded to under the change. The example you cited from Ecology's Guidance 20-11-065 is not relevant as these three rights are not approved for the same number of acres. In this case Mr. Greiff is not "Farmer Sam".

I appreciate your desire to avoid undue influence from agency staff and your ethical obligations to your client. Our liaison to the Conservancy Board, Herman Spangle, has reached out to Mr. Freeman and will work directly with the Spokane Board to determine next steps. The decisions as submitted cannot be approved so the Board will have to decide if they would like to withdraw and amend the record or leave them as-is. Thank you again for sharing your concerns.

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