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Subject : Re: Robert Greiff, Sr Change Applications - Help Requested
Cc : Short, Jaime (ECY) <JSHO461@ECY.WA.GOV>
Received On : 9/23/2024 4:28 PM
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I will first note that it would have been impossible for you to have received a briefing on this situation, independent from Ecology Spokane office, in this short of time.?? I was strongly hinting in my message that you assign someone else with water right expertise to review how Mr. Greiff's applications have been handled.?? Then you would have seen the EXTENSIVE and COMPLETE evaluations already done.?? Apparently you will not give this the time.

And if you had done that, I believe you would have been informed how these applications were ready for approval, consistent with precedents in Grant County, Klickitat County, Benton County.???? All data and evaluations all ready in Ecology's possession, as they have been for a year or more, ready to approve.?? It's a giant step backwards to reject the very applications that solve the problem, so I'm unable to match your words to reality.?? What a missed opportunity.?? I won't be forwarding your message to Mr. Greiff so if you have anything to communicate to him, please do so.

Sincerely,

Tim Reiersen

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On 9/23/2024 3:42 PM, Berns, Ria (ECY) wrote:

Good Afternoon, Tim.

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As I am certain you can appreciate, water right change applications require complete and thorough documentation and technical analysis to support final decision-making. Ecology stands ready to work with Mr. Greiff and any consultant that he chooses to work with, to provide technical assistance on how change applications can be supported and crafted to meet the landowner???'s current and long-term water needs, within the bounds of the water code.

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This summer???'s ongoing irrigation, on both the north and south fields, in excess of allowable withdrawal/diversion limits and in direct conflict with previous written statements, make this analysis more challenging. That said, our regional staff are available and welcome the opportunity to meet with this landowner. And, we welcome resubmission of a change application to advance this conversation.

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Ria

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From: Tim Reiersen
Sent: Monday, September 23, 2024 6:25 AM
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External Email

Good Morning Ria:

I write this only in a personal capacity, not as a consultant to Mr. Greiff.

Please see attached letter from me today.

Also see attached email I sent to Ecology Spokane on May 9, 2024.?? More succinct than today's letter but apparently to no effect.?? So I elevate this to your desk.

Approval of Mr. Greiff's applications would remedy a regulatory issue.?? Ecology refuses to approve them.?? This is creating more problems instead of solving one.?? Why???

The technical bases for approval are extensive and in the files, and there are precedents I am personally aware of in Grant County and in Klickitat County.?? Again, why no approvals?

This is the worst management of a manageable water rights issue I have seen in 35 years working in this field.?? The question has occurred to me, am I the intended target here, and Mr. Greiff just the collateral damage??? Anyone who takes the time to read the entire record might ask the same.

Sincerely,
Tim Reiersen

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