WATER TRANSFER WORKING GROUP PROJECT DESCRIPTION

APPLICATION NO./COURT CLAIM NO.
Claim No. 05259

APPLICANT NAME
Suncadia, LLC

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DATE OF APPLICATION
3/1/2010

PRIORITY DATE
October 30, 1884

WATER SOURCE:
Yakima River

CROP:

INSTANTANEOUS QUANTITY:
0.50 cfs

ANNUAL QUANTITY:
195 a.f. per year

PERIOD OF USE:
April 1 to October 31

PLACE OF USE:
Yakima River

PURPOSE OF USE:
Instream flows to offset consumptive use by new water users purchasing mitigation credits from Suncadia.

IRRIGATION METHOD:
Minor residential irrigation will occur with this proposed transfer. Irrigation method will likely be sprinkler.

CONSUMPTIVE USE CALCULATION:
Under Ecology’s February 11, 2010, Report of Examination the consumptive quantity of the above-referenced water right is 57.5 a.f. per year.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT:
Suncadia proposes to mitigate for 26 small groundwater withdrawals in Section 23, Township 20, Range 15 E.W.M in Upper Kittitas County. There are approximately 8 wells that were drilled over the past seven years with the intention to withdraw water under RCW 90.44.050. Only one well has been put to beneficial use. Suncadia is proposing to mitigate water use for properties within this section to serve up to 26 single family homes, not to exceed 4.28 acre-feet consumptive use per year.
March 1, 2010

Sent by electronic mail

Carron Helberg
Water & Land Specialist
Bureau of Reclamation
1917 Marsh Rd
Yakima, WA  98901

Re: The March 8, 2010, Water Transfer Working Group Meeting

Dear Carron:

Enclosed with this letter are the forms for five proposed water right transfers, for consideration at the March 8, 2010, Water Transfer Working Group (WTWG) meeting. The first four relate to granting groundwater mitigation certificates to new users through the Washington State Department of Ecology’s Kittitas County Groundwater Mitigation Water Bank. The fifth proposal is for a temporary transfer of a portion of Suncadia’s former Pautzke water rights into the State Trust Water Right Program, to enable its use for temporary transfer during the 2010 irrigation season.

As I explained at the WTWG’s February meeting, Suncadia has proposed to transfer its former Anderson and Lamb water rights into the State Trust Water Right Program, to be used as mitigation for off-site induced development. On February 11, 2010, Ecology approved the transfer of the Anderson Water Rights (Court Claim Nos. 05259 and 00626) into the State Trust Water Right Program, and signed a Trust Water Right Agreement with Suncadia that describes the process for transferring mitigation credits.

At the February 9, 2010, WTWG meeting I offered to return to the March meeting with a batch of proposed mitigation credit transfers for the Group to preview. At this time, we have had requests to provide mitigation water to over
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550 parcels in Upper Kittitas County. We have identified approximately 142 requested connections to preview with the WTWG at this time.

Sincerely,

MENTOR LAW GROUP, PLLC

Joe Mentor, Jr.

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