

MEMORANDUM

TO: WATER DISTRICT 61A FILE
FROM: DANIEL A. NELSON
DATE: 3/1/05
SUBJECT: WATER DISTRICT MEETING

The meeting for the district opened with concerns over a claim filed by John McCallum up near Camas Reservoir. The district claims they own that right and that the McCallum's don't have the right to file the claim. They stated that they didn't feel it was fair they had to file a protest or complaint on these types of filings with the department. They feel the department should prevent these filings ahead of time. I explained to them that we couldn't prevent someone from filing on water rights.

The second issue concerned the Boardman property. This property is being subdivided, and there is a concern that access to the Canyon Creek would be denied. The district was given copies of the statutes involving the watermaster's authority to perform his duty and his rights concerning entering other individual's property. They didn't pass any resolutions or bylaws that would solidify the rights of the watermaster to check the creek. Another issue on the Boardman property was the possibility of sewage leaking into the creek from the septic systems. I informed them that this issue was under the jurisdiction of Central District Health and DEQ. The final issue had to do with a road that was built through Boardman Creek. The district wanted the department to go up and tell them that they couldn't put the road through the creek. The creek is an intermittent stream, and I am not aware if we have any kind of jurisdiction on this type of stream channel violation any longer. I told them to speak with the Army Corp of Engineers or to call Erv Balou.

The water report was very bleak this year. In the last month only 458 ft of water has entered the 3-reservoir system. The following is an accounting of the amount of water in each reservoir:

Mountain Home Reservoir →	1148 acre-feet
Long Tom Reservoir →	540 acre-feet
Camas Reservoir →	908 acre-feet
TOTAL →	2,596 acre-feet

A minimum of 500 acre-feet of water must be delivered to single user with first priority. The main impression is that it will take most of the water in the canal system to wet the ditches and canals to deliver this water. There might be some water left over for the east side users, but very little if any.

The same officers and budget were adopted.