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SOUTHERN REGION

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
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Director

April 20, 2004

Dear West Ditch User:

As you may know on the evening of April 19, 2004 a meeting was held in our office with several of the waterusers in the West Ditch, the Watermaster, and IDWR staff members. The topic of the meeting was to finalize a schedule to complete necessary work on the headgate and measuring device.

As background, IDWR issued an "Order" on June 4, 2003 to waterusers on Rock Creek to install and/or maintain headgates and measuring devices on diversion from Rock Creek within Water District 47-O prior to July 7, 2003. The Order indicated that if adequate measuring devices were not maintained the watermaster should shut off and refuse delivery.

The meeting was prompted by the watermaster. Necessary work on the West Ditch had not been completed and the watermaster was facing curtailment of delivery. After review of IDWR records it was determined that one of the major users in the ditch was not provided notice since his address had changed and the "Order" was not delivered; therefore, additional time to complete the work is warranted. IDWR has reviewed the necessary work and determined that it is reasonable that the work could be completed as soon as high water is over and **no later than July 1, 2004.**

During the meeting the location of the measuring device was discussed. (Should it be immediately below the headgate or at the present location?) Since historically the water has been measured at the current location for many years and there may be issues about injury to water rights if the location of the measurement were changed at this time, it was decided that the existing location would be acceptable as long as the new or reconstructed device measured the water at all deliverable flow regimes. If this cannot be accomplished at the present site then the measuring device shall be moved upstream to a more acceptable location where adequate measurements can occur.

Based on the meeting the time to complete repair/replacement of the headgate and measuring device is extended to **July 1, 2004.** If work is not completed by this date the watermaster shall curtail delivery until work is completed.

If you have questions please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Allen Merritt, PE
Southern Region Manager

CC: Watermaster – Cindy Blakely