

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

IDAHO GROUND WATER APPROPRIATORS, INC.,) Case No. CV-2015-237
Petitioner,	ORDER GRANTING MOTIONTO STAY CURTAILMENTORDER
vs.)
THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and GARY SPACKMAN in his capacity as the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources, Respondents.)))))
IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF WATER TO RIGHT NOS. 36-02551 & 36-07694 (RANGEN, INC.), IDWR DOCKET NO. CM-DC-2011-004)))))

On January 20, 2015, the Idaho Ground Water Appropriators, Inc. ("IGWA") filed a *Motion to Stay Curtailment Order* ("*Motion*") in the above-captioned matter. The *Motion* moves the Court to stay implementation of the Director's *Order Granting Rangen's Motion to Determine Morris Exchange Water Credit; Second Amended Curtailment Order* issued on November 21, 2014, in IDWR docket numbers CM-DC-2011-004, CM-MP-2014-001 and CM-MP-2014-006 ("*Final Order*"). Specifically, IGWA requests that this Court stay curtailment of certain junior ground water rights identified in the Director's *Final Order* until February 7, 2015, so that it may complete construction of its Magic Springs mitigation project. The *Motion* is

¹ The term "Magic Springs mitigation project" refers to the mitigation project addressed and approved by the Director in his *Order Approving IGWA'S Fourth Mitigation Plan* dated October 29, 2014, and addressed by the Director in his *Final Order*.

made pursuant to Idaho Code § 67-5274 and Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 84(m). Rangen, Inc. filed a response in opposition to the *Motion* on January 21, 2015. The Idaho Department of Water Resources also filed a response in opposition to the *Motion* on that same date. A hearing on the Motion was held before this Court on January 22, 2015. After reviewing the files and hearing the comments made in open court, the Court for the reasons set forth on the record and based upon its independent discretion under Idaho Code § 67-5274 and Idaho Rule of Civil Procedure 84(m), granted the Motion. The Court further ordered that IGWA complete the Magic Springs mitigation project per the Director's specifications on or before February 7, 2015, and that IGWA deliver 7.81 cfs as mitigation to Rangen to make up for the delay on or before February 7, 2015.

THEREFORE, BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE FOLLOWING ARE HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. The Motion to Stay Curtailment Order filed by IGWA in the above-captioned matter is hereby granted.
- 2. Implementation of curtailment under the Director's Order Granting Rangen's Motion to Determine Morris Exchange Water Credit; Second Amended Curtailment Order is hereby stayed until February 7, 2015.
- 3. IGWA shall complete the Magic Springs mitigation project and deliver water to Rangen per the Director's specifications as set forth in his *Final Order* on or before February 7, 2015, and deliver 7.81 cfs as mitigation to Rangen to make up for the delay on or before February 7, 2015.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Dated January 22, 2015

District Judge

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that a true and correct copy of the ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO STAY CURTAILMENT ORDER was mailed on January 22, 2015, with sufficient first-class postage to the following:

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