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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

OF THE STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF DISTRIBUTION OF
WATER TO VARIOUS WATER RIGHTS
HELD BY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF
A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT,
AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR
DISTRICT #2, BURLEY IRRIGATION
DISTRICT, MILNER IRRIGATION
DISTRICT, MINIDOKA IRRIGATION
DISTRICT, NORTH SIDE CANAL
COMPANY, AND TWIN FALLS CANAL
COMPANY

Docket No. CM-DC-2010-001
Docket No. CM-MP-2015-003

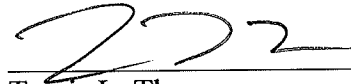
**A&B IRRIGATION DISTRICT'S
NOTICE OF COMMUNICATION TO
WATER DISTRICT 01
WATERMASTER**

COMES NOW, A&B Irrigation District (“A&B” or “District”), by and through counsel of record, and hereby provides notice of its communication to the Water District 01 Watermaster regarding compliance with the Director’s *Final Order Regarding April 2023 Forecast Supply (Methodology Steps 1-3)* wherein the Director required affected junior ground water right holders to establish “that they can mitigate for their proportionate share of the predicted DS of 75,200 acre-feet in accordance with an approved mitigation plan” on or before May 5, 2023. *See* April As Applied Order at 6. Counsel mailed and emailed the letter to Watermaster Tony Olenichak on May 5, 2023. *See* Ex. A.

Notwithstanding this notice A&B reserves all rights with respect to the calculated proportionate share of the predicted injury, i.e. 458 acre-feet, and has requested a hearing on that issue.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 5th day of May, 2023, I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing on the following by the method indicated:

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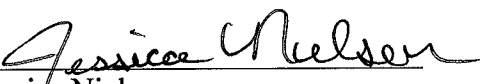

 Jessica Nielsen
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Exhibit A



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May 5, 2023

VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Tony Olenichak, Watermaster
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Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402-1718
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Re: SWC Delivery Call / Notice of Mitigation Water (*Final Order Regarding April 2023 Forecast Supply (Steps 1-3)*)

Dear Tony:

I am writing on behalf of the A&B Irrigation District (“A&B” or “District”) in reference to the Director’s April 21, 2023 *Final Order Regarding April 2023 Forecast Supply* (“April Order”). In that order the Director noted that affected junior ground water right holders must establish “that they can mitigation for their proportionate share of the predicted demand shortfall of 75,200 acre-feet in accordance with an approved mitigation plan.” See April Order at 6. The Director identified A&B’s proportionate share as 458 acre-feet with respect to certain junior priority ground water rights held by A&B (36-15127A et al.). See *id.* at 5, n. 5. A&B also has an approved mitigation plan. See *Final Order Approving Mitigation Plan*, CM-MP-2015-003, Dec. 16, 2015.

A&B is requesting a hearing on the Director’s calculation of its “proportionate share” of the April forecasted injury and that matter is set to be heard June 6-10, 2023. A&B reserves all rights with respect to this issue and by communicating this notice does not waive any of those rights with respect to the Director’s order. Whether the District’s proportionate share will change is unknown at this time.

Notwithstanding, A&B hereby provides notice of available mitigation water and requests that you confirm to the Director that 458 acre-feet of A&B’s 2023 storage allocation will be available for assignment and delivery to mitigate injury to TFCC as predicted in the April Order if necessary. As you may be aware A&B carried over 58,900 acre-feet in its Palisades Reservoir space from 2022, and its American Falls Reservoir space is currently filling in 2023.



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Regardless of the final allocation, A&B presently has 458 acre-feet to deliver to injured Coalition members, including TFCC, for mitigation purposes if required.

A&B believes this letter satisfies the Director's April Order. If you have any questions please call me at (208) 733-0700.

Sincerely,

Travis Thompson
Partner

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cc: Justin Temple, A&B Irrigation District