

Highlights of IDWR Review of WD34 Rotation in 2021

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- Implementation of rotation into storage during the 2020 and 2021 irrigation seasons was a significant improvement over how rotation into storage was implemented prior to the 2017 irrigation season.
- IDWR commends Lucas Yockey for his efforts to implement the watermaster instructions issued by the Director.
- Instruction 4: The start and end of rotation into storage was not recorded on the ditch rider logs in three instances. The watermaster stated he is working to eliminate these minor record-keeping deficiencies.
- Instruction 7: The watermaster did not document for Instruction #7 his analysis of whether the considerations in Instruction #5 were met. He is concerned that documentation for every rotation into storage request during the season is too burdensome. IDWR agrees with this concern and is proposing to update instruction #7 in an amended the Order.
- Instruction 8: The requirement to record each request for delivery of rotation storage was not clearly met during the 2021 irrigation season. The process of recording the dates of requests for rotation into storage on the ditch rider logs that was used in 2021 could also be utilized to document requests for delivery of rotation storage.