

BEFORE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES  
OF THE  
STATE OF IDAHO

IN THE MATTER OF THE            )  
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WEST OAKLEY FAN                    )  
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CRITICAL GROUNDWATER AREA        )  
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ORDER ESTABLISHING  
CRITICAL GROUNDWATER AREA

WHEREAS, the Idaho Department of Water Resources has conducted a study of the groundwater resources of the West Oakley Fan; and,

WHEREAS, information gathered during the study indicates that the available water resource is limited and that with present development localized water level declines are occurring within the aquifer system; and,

WHEREAS, the records of the department indicate potential withdrawal and use of groundwater pursuant to the existing permits and licenses total more than 1.4 times the calculated recharge and would exceed the reasonably safe supply; and,


WHEREAS, Section 42-233a, Idaho Code, requires the Director of the Department of Water Resources to designate areas as "critical groundwater areas" in all situations where there is not sufficient groundwater to provide a reasonably safe supply for irrigation of cultivated lands, or other uses in the basin at the current rate of withdrawal or rates of withdrawal projected by consideration of valid and outstanding applications and permits:

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the following described area be included within and designated as the "West Oakley Fan Critical Groundwater Area," pursuant to Section 42-233a, Idaho Code, where the boundaries are defined as follows:

From the point of the beginning at the northeast corner of Section 14, Township 12 south, Range 20 east; thence southeasterly along the centerline of the county road (between Oakley and Artesian City) to its intersection with the line common to Ranges 21 and 22 east (at about the E¼ corner of Section 36, Township 13 south, Range 21 east); thence north along said range

line to the intersection with U.S.  
Highway 30 at the northeast corner  
of Section 1, Township 11 south,  
Range 21 east; thence southwesterly  
along the centerline of U.S. Highway  
30 to the northeast corner of Section  
14, Township 11 south, Range 20 east;  
thence south to the point of the be-  
ginning.

Dated this 19 day of January, 1982 at 12:10 P.M.

  
A. KENNETH DUNN  
Director