

NOTICE OF RECEIPT WATER RIGHT APPLICATION

(Pursuant to Section § 85-2-307(1), MCA)

Summarized below are the application details as described in an Application to Change of Appropriation Water Right received by the Department of Natural Resources & Conservation on NOVEMBER 16, 2015. This notice reflects the application details only as originally submitted. The notice does not reflect changes to the application details made during the review process.

Application Number : 41H 30104096

Applicant : BIG SKY COUNTY WATER & SEWER DIST #363
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WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type	Water Right Number	Priority Date
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41H-148445	JUNE 23, 1902
STATEMENT OF CLAIM	41H-148446	MAY 15, 1952

PAST USE OF WATER

PAST OF USE OF WATER WAS FOR IRRIGATION FROM AN OFF STREAM RESERVOIR FED BY THE WEST FORK OF THE WEST GALLATIN RIVER IN GALLATIN COUNTY.

PROPOSED CHANGE

APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE POINT OF DIVERSION, PLACE OF STORAGE, AND PURPOSE TO WATER RIGHTS 41H 148445-00 AND 41H 148446-00. THE POINT OF DIVERSION WILL CHANGE FROM AN ONSTREAM DAM TO A HEADGATE WITH A DITCH TO CONVEY WATER TO OFFSTREAM PLACE OF STORAGE. THE POINT OF DIVERSION IS REMAINING WITHIN THE SAME LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION. THE FOOTPRINT OF THE PLACE OF STORAGE WILL CHANGE SLIGHTLY. THE PURPOSE OF IRRIGATION IS REMAINING AND NOT CHANGING. THE PLACE OF STORAGE WILL BE SMALLER, AND THE CALCULATED 4 AF OF VOLUME THAT WILL NO LONGER BE STORED WILL BE USED IN THE CONVEYANCE STRUCTURE AND HAVE A PURPOSE OF INSTREAM FISHERY.

In general, the department will make a preliminary determination to grant or deny this application within 120 days of the date the application is deemed correct and complete. That date is currently unknown. If the preliminary determination is to grant the application, the application will be published in the local newspaper and a notice will be sent to appropriators who, according to the department records may be affected by the proposed appropriation. Individuals will have 45 days to submit an objection under § 85-2-308, MCA, after the application has been published in the newspaper.

Direct questions regarding this application to the Water Resources Regional Office, 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136