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Re: Files No. RG-3894, RG-8387, RG-16107, and RG-24252

Dear Gentlemen:

At your request, a review of the above referenced Taos area mutual domestic water association files was performed by staff of the Office of the State Engineer/Water Rights Division. This review found the following permits approved under these file numbers:

1. RG-3894—Llano Quemado Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association: Permit No. 0609, 0992, & RG-3894 et al., approved September 26, 1991, for diversion of up to 16.2 acre-feet of water per annum from wells RG-3894 and RG-3894-S.
2. RG-8387—Upper Des Montes Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association: Permit No. 01743 Amended & RG-8387, approved May 15, 1979, for diversion

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of 2.45 acre-feet of water per annum, and Permit No. 057, 01743, 01749 & RG-8387 & RG-8387-S, approved September 3, 1987, for diversion of 6.24 acre-feet of water per annum from wells RG-8387 and RG-8387-S.

3. RG-16107—Lower Des Montes Mutual Domestic Water Consumers Association: Permit No. RG-16107, approved January 23, 1969, for diversion of 1.43 acre-feet of water per annum from well RG-16107.
4. RG-24252—El Salto MDWCA: Permit No. RG-24252, approved December 16, 1988, for diversion of 2.19 acre-feet of water per annum from well RG-24252, and Permit No. 0932 (Subfile 7.4 & 7.38) & 02498 (Subfile 1.6A) into RG-24252 and RG-24252-S, approved February 10, 1995, for transfer of 7.14 acre-feet of water per annum from wells RG-24252 and RG-24252-S.

The total combined diversion described by the above permits is 35.65 acre-feet of water per annum. These quantities are permitted separate from , and are addition to any water rights adjudicated by the United States District Court for the respective mutual domestic water consumers associations.

Please contact me if you have any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,


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