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**RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER FOR WATER PERMIT
APPLICATION NO. 8110-3, Van Buskirk Farms LLP**

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the following is the recommendation of the Acting Chief Engineer, Water Rights Program, Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources concerning Water Permit Application No. 8110-3, Van Buskirk Farms LLP, 18892 390th Avenue, Hitchcock SD 57348.

The Acting Chief Engineer is recommending APPROVAL of Application No. 8110-3 because 1) there is reasonable probability that there is unappropriated water available for the applicant's proposed use, 2) the proposed diversion can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights, 3) the proposed use is a beneficial use and 4) it is in the public interest as it pertains to matters of public interest within the regulatory authority of the Water Management Board with the following qualifications:

1. The well approved under Water Permit No. 8110-3 is located near domestic wells and other wells which may obtain water from the same aquifer. The well owner, under this Permit must control withdrawals so there is not a reduction of needed water supplies in adequate domestic wells or in adequate wells having prior water rights.
2. The proposed well authorized by Permit No. 8110-3 must be constructed by a licensed well driller and construction of the well and installation of the pump must comply with Water Management Board Well Construction Rules, Chapter 74:02:04 with the well casing pressure grouted (bottom to top) pursuant to Section 74:02:04:28.
3. This Permit is approved subject to the irrigation water use questionnaire being submitted each year.

See report on application for additional information.

Adam Mathiowetz, PE
Acting Chief Engineer
March 23, 2026

**Report to the Chief Engineer on
Water Permit App. Nos. 8108-3, 8109-3, 8110-3, and 8111-3
Van Buskirk, LLP
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In October of 2013, the Water Management Board declared the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer was fully appropriated. Following legislation in 2014, a procedure was established for prioritizing held applications in aquifers that are fully appropriated. These applications have a priority date of February 25, 2015, and a rank assigned by lottery at the May 7, 2015, Board meeting. Figure 1 below is a map of the held applications in this report and nearby water rights [1], and Water Rights Program observation wells [2]. Table 1 provides details of the water right permits in Figure 1 [1].

Water Permit Application No. 8108-3 proposes to appropriate 14.0 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from up to four wells to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer in the approximate centers of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36, T114N-R64W, the , approximate centers of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30, Section 31, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32; all in T114N-R63W for irrigation of 982 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32, Section 31; all in T114N-R63W, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36-T114N-R64W. This application is priority of 17 out of 27 on the waitlist and is in Spink County approximately 2 miles northwest of Hitchcock, South Dakota.

Water Permit Application No. 8109-3 proposes to appropriate 7.77 cfs from up to four wells to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer in the approximate centers of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 5, and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4, for irrigation of 544 acres located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 4 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 5; all in T113N-R63W. This application is priority 24 out of 27 on the waitlist and is in Beadle County immediately south and west of Hitchcock, South Dakota.

Water Permit Application No. 8110-3 proposes to appropriate 1.94 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink Hitchcock aquifer in the approximate center of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 33 T114N-R63W for irrigation of 136 acres in that same quarter section. This application is priority 18 out of 27 on the waitlist and is in Spink County approximately three-fourths of a mile north of Hitchcock, South Dakota.

Water Permit Application No. 8111-3 proposes to appropriate 1.94 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer in the approximate center of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36 T113N-R64W for irrigation of 136 acres in that same quarter section. This application is priority 14 out of 27 on the waitlist and is in Beadle County approximately 5.5 miles southwest of Hitchcock, South Dakota.

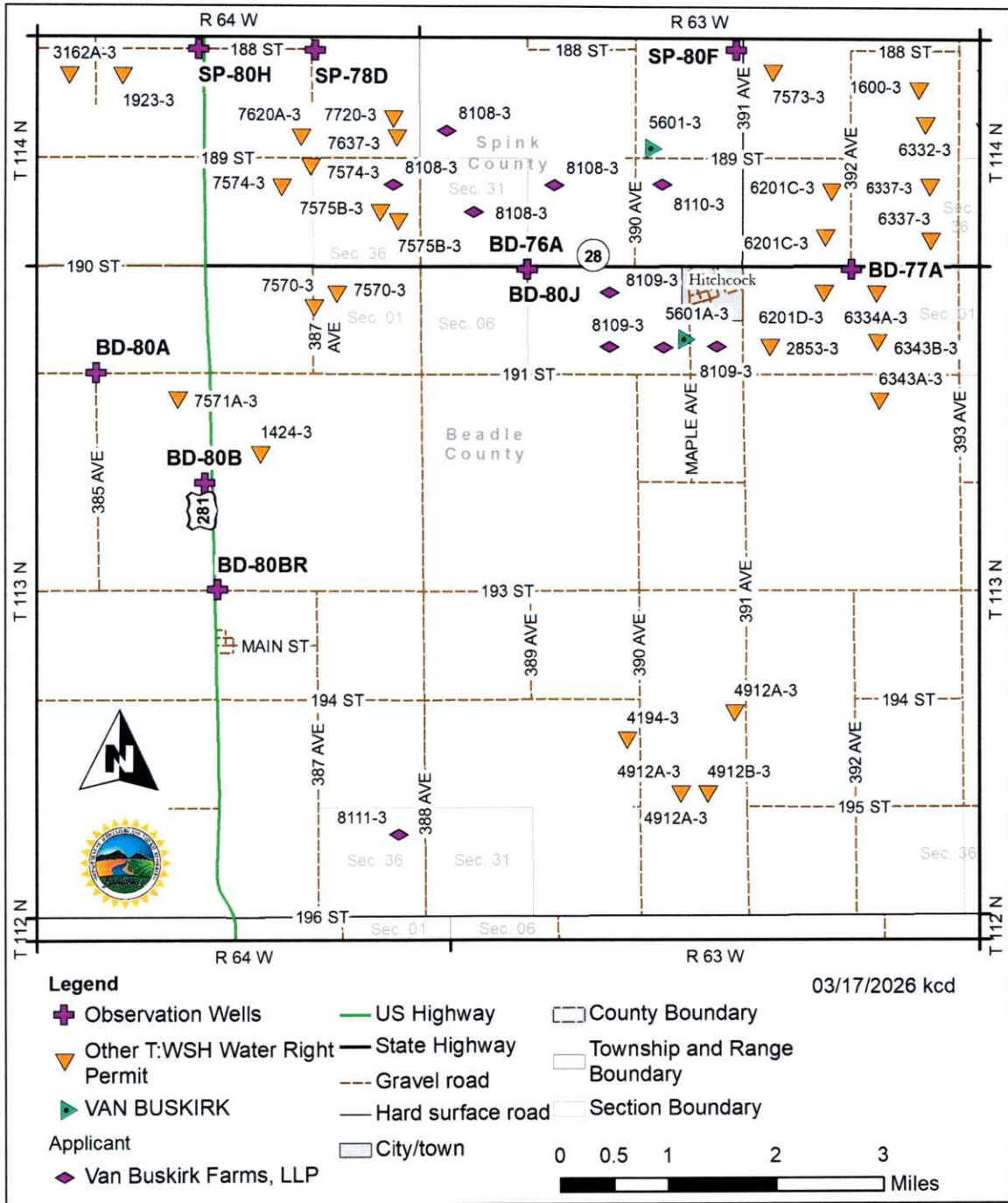


Figure 1: Observation wells and water right permits near these applications. [1] [2]

Table 1: Water right permits and applications shown in Figure 1 [1]

File No.	Name/Business	Status	Use Types	CFS	Acres	Priority
1424-3	Richard A Boomsma	License	Irrigation	2.00	254.0	06/16/1967
1600-3	Gatzke Acres	License	Irrigation	1.78	132.0	01/01/1953
1923-3	Monte Neitzel	License	Irrigation	1.88	136.0	02/15/1972
2853-3	Larry Gordon	License	Irrigation	1.78	132.0	07/29/1976
3162A-3	Tim Masat	License	Irrigation	2.00	267.2	10/14/1976
4194-3	Todd Tollefson	License	Irrigation	1.00	90.0	12/16/1977
4912A-3	Huizenga Brothers	License	Irrigation	1.84	165.0	10/18/1976
4912B-3	Jerry Huizenga	License	Irrigation	1.33	136.0	07/01/1982
5601-3	Matthew Van Buskirk	License	Irrigation, Domestic	0.08	5.0	12/02/1991
5601A-3	Matthew Van Buskirk	Permit	Irrigation	0.00	0.0	12/02/1991
6201C-3	Danny Peterson	License	Irrigation	3.56	264.0	05/08/2000
6201D-3	Brad Peterson	License	Irrigation	1.78	132.0	05/08/2000
6332-3	Oscar Inc	License	Irrigation	1.89	136.0	06/21/2002
6334A-3	Twisted Land & Cattle	License	Irrigation	1.78	132.0	06/21/2002
6337-3	Brian Gatzke	License	Irrigation	3.56	272.0	06/21/2002
6343A-3	Lenny Peterson	License	Irrigation	1.78	132.0	07/26/2002
6343B-3	Twisted Land & Cattle	License	Irrigation	1.78	132.0	07/26/2002
7570-3	Terry Marshall	License	Irrigation	1.78	259.0	12/14/2012
7571A-3	Terry Marshall	License	Irrigation	1.78	270.0	12/14/2012
7573-3	Gary Marshall	License	Irrigation	1.78	134.0	12/13/2012
7574-3	Terry Marshall	License	Irrigation	3.56	268.0	12/14/2012
7575B-3	Gary Marshall	License	Irrigation	1.78	134.0	12/14/2012
7620A-3	Oscar Inc	License	Irrigation	0.89	72.0	01/04/2013
7637-3	Gary Marshall	License	Irrigation	1.78	135.0	12/09/2012
7720-3	Gary Marshall	License	Irrigation	1.78	135.0	02/08/2013
8108-3	Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	Held	Irrigation	14.00	982.0	02/25/2015 #17 of 27
8109-3	Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	Held	Irrigation	7.77	544.0	02/25/2015 #24 of 27
8110-3	Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	Held	Irrigation	1.94	136.0	02/25/2015 #18 of 27
8111-3	Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	Held	Irrigation	1.94	136.0	02/25/2015 #14 of 27

Aquifer: Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock

Hydrogeologic Characteristics

The Tulare aquifer is a Quaternary-aged system of sand and gravel layers that were deposited as outwash by meltwater from receding glaciers. The Western Spink-Hitchcock management unit of the Tulare aquifer is a buried aquifer generally lying immediately above the bedrock (a.k.a. basal) [3] [4]. The bedrock is composed of an erosional surface of exposed Cretaceous-aged Pierre Shale and Niobrara Formation, with the lowest erosional surface possibly incising into the Carlile Shale, which contains the Codell Sandstone member [5]. The Niobrara Formation and Codell Sandstone can also be aquifers in portions of South Dakota [2] [1]. The Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer underlies approximately 260,000 acres of Hand, Spink, and Beadle

Counties [6] [7]. The Tulare aquifer has an average thickness of 37 feet [8]. Assuming a porosity of 0.15 [9], the estimated recoverable water in storage in the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer is approximately 1.4 million acre-feet. The Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer is hydrologically connected to several Quaternary and Cretaceous aged aquifers in physical contact with it. Buhler [10] estimated that approximately 77,000 acres of the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer were under unconfined conditions in October 2012, and showed that at the time, a majority of the aquifer was under confined conditions. The area of the aquifer under confined conditions fluctuates with the amount of water in the aquifer. Since water is essentially incompressible, when the aquifer has more water in storage, more area becomes confined and vice-versa for when there is less water in the aquifer.

The applicant did not submit any well completion reports with these applications, but sufficient information is available to complete the technical analysis for this report. A domestic well completed on March 8, 1991, for Oscar Peterson was submitted with Water Right No. 5601-3 (now held by Matthew Van Buskirk), and was completed in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28 T114N-R63W, approximately a quarter mile north of the proposed well site for App. No. 8110-3. The driller reported encountering medium to fine sand from 50 to 75 feet below grade and a static water level 28 feet below grade at the time the well was completed. A well completion report completed on May 15, 1979, associated with Water Right No. 7575B-3 (Gary Marshall) in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36 T114N-R64W, approximately a quarter mile south of one of the proposed well sites for App. No. 8108-3. The driller reported encountering clay with sand streaks from 2 to 68 feet below grade, "medium sand" and small clay layers from 68 to 89 feet, gray till from 104 to 115 feet, fine sand and coal from 115 to 132 feet. The static water level was 15 feet below grade at the time the well was completed. A driller's log located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 3 T113N-R63W dated June 23, 1976, for an irrigation well associated with Water Right No. 2853-3 (Larry Gordon), located approximately a quarter mile east of the eastern-most well site proposed for App. No. 8109-3, indicates the driller encountered gravel from 65 to 123 feet below grade. Static water level was not indicated in this driller's log. These well completion reports and other information indicated the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer is present near App. Nos. 8108-3, 8109-3, and 8110-3, but formation encountered may be full of clay lenses and highly variable from place to place.

Application No. 8111-3 is located approximately 5 miles southwest of the other three applications in this report. A test hole completed on May 3, 2024, in the same quarter as App. No. 8111-3 indicates the driller encountered top soil from land surface to 2 feet below grade, yellow clay from 2 feet to 21 feet, blue clay from 21 to 83 feet, shale from 83 to 155 feet, chalk from 155 to 202 feet, and shale from 202 to the total depth of 230 feet below grade. The driller indicated it was a dry hole. Therefore, the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer might not be present in that location in a thickness and size that is useful for irrigation.

Applicable South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL)

Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-9, a permit to appropriate water may be issued if there is reasonable probability that there is unappropriated water available for the applicant's proposed use, that the proposed diversion can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water

uses and water rights, and that the proposed use is a beneficial use and in the public interest as it pertains to matters of public interest within the regulatory authority of the Water Management Board. This report will only assess the availability of water and possibility of developing these applications without unlawful impairment of existing domestic water uses and water rights.

Pursuant to SDCL 46-6-3.1, no application to appropriate groundwater may be approved if, according to the best information reasonably available, it is probable that the quantity of water withdrawn annually from a groundwater source will exceed the quantity of the average estimated annual recharge of the water to the groundwater source. An exception allows water distribution systems to withdraw from groundwater sources older or stratigraphically lower than the Greenhorn Formation regardless of the results of a hydrologic budget. The applicant is not requesting water for use in a water distribution system as defined in SDCL 46-1-6(17) and the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer is younger and stratigraphically higher than the Greenhorn Formation [11]. Therefore, the Water Management Board must find that recharge to the aquifer exceeds withdrawals to approve these applications.

Following the October 2013 Board hearing, the Board determined that the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer was fully appropriated. In 2014, the South Dakota Legislature established procedure in SDCL 46-2A-7 through 7.1 for holding applications and establishing priority when the Water Management Board declares an aquifer is fully appropriated. These applications were submitted prior to February 25, 2015, pursuant to that procedure. The applicant retained eligibility through the first and second five-year reviews. After the second five-year review on December 3, 2025, the Board determined that unappropriated water was available and the applications on hold were to be processed as established by State administrative rule and State law.

Availability of Water

Hydrologic Budget

The current hydrologic budget of the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer was presented before the Water Management Board in December of 2025 [12] and is summarized below. The estimated average annual recharge to the aquifer is approximately 0.83 inches per acre [13], which equates to 18,000 ac-ft/yr over the currently estimated extent of the aquifer. Withdrawals from the aquifer are mainly by irrigation from appropriative users. By taking the sum of the average irrigation reported for each permit, Drennon [12] estimated the average annual withdrawal from the aquifer was between 12,000 and 13,000 ac-ft/yr depending on the range of data used. Irrigators have been applying fewer inches per acre as time goes on but irrigating a higher proportion of their permitted acreage in any given year. The estimated average annual withdrawal from irrigation was approximately 12,000 ac-ft/yr for the period of record of 2015 through 2024, which is the last ten years of reports. Based on this hydrologic budget, there is approximately 6,000 ac-ft/yr of unappropriated water available. At the meeting, members of the Water Management Board expressed discomfort at approving the entire 6,000 acre-feet of unappropriated water but did not issue an order specifying an exact amount to which they would limit withdrawals.

For the last ten years of record, the average irrigation per reported acre was 6.63 inches per year and permit holders irrigated 79% of their permitted acres [12]. For the period of record of 1979 through 2024, the average irrigation per reported acre was 8.89 inches per year and permit holders irrigated on average 65% of their permitted acres [12]. The applications in this report request a combined total appropriation of 25.65 cfs for 1,798 acres of irrigation. Using the above values, their estimated average annual withdrawal is likely to be between 785 to 866 ac-ft/yr. The total withdrawal of the 27 held applications is likely to range between approximately 2,300 to 2,500 ac-ft/yr. Therefore, based on the hydrologic budget, there is reasonable probability that unappropriated water is available for these applications.

Table 2: Estimated withdrawals for the 27 held applications. Several applicants hold multiple applications [12].

Applicant with Held Permit(s)	Total Requested CFS	Total Requested Acres	Est. Withdrawal (ac-ft/yr)	
			6.63 in/yr @ 79% acreage utilization	8.89 in/yr @ 65% acreage utilization
Allen and Jeffrey Gatzke	2.67	110	48	53
Bixler Farms or Bixler Land	16.02	1,450	633	698
Hamilton Family LLC	2.00	145	63	70
Jeff Hamilton	4.00	290	127	140
Ken and Jodi Hofer	4.33	310	135	149
Loren or Cynthia Marzahn	2.22	160	70	77
Martin Anderson	1.86	132	58	64
Riverside Hutterian Brethren	7.70	384	168	185
Scott Hamilton	4.00	435	190	209
Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	25.65	1,798	785	866
Total	70.45	5,214	2,276	2,511

Observation Wells

Administrative Rule of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:02:05:07 requires the Water Management Board to rely upon the record of observation well analysis in addition to other information to ensure that recharge to the aquifer exceeds withdrawals. The Water Rights Program maintains 55 observation wells completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer. The nearest observation wells to the wells for these applications are Observation Wells SP-78D, SP-80F, SP-80H, BD-76A, BD-77A, BD-80J, BD-80A, BD-80B, and BD-80BR. Note that BD-80BR is the intended replacement for BD-80B pending several years of overlapping water level measurements. Observation well BD-80B has shown some indications that it may not be functioning adequately. The location of those wells with respect to these applications are shown in Figure 1 (page 2). The water elevations of those wells overlaps sufficiently that the nine observation wells above must be divided into separate hydrographs to be visible. The first three are graphed in Figure 2 and mapped along the upper edge of Figure 1, the next three are graphed in Figure 3 and are mapped along SD Highway 28 in Figure 1, and the third set of three are graphed in Figure 4 and mapped in the left-center of Figure 1. These observation wells are representative of the general conditions in the aquifer [2]. In general, water levels rise during periods of higher-than-average precipitation and decline during periods of lower-than average

precipitation [14]. There is a slight trend of springtime water levels to be increasing with time, consistent with the increased precipitation over time in the area. There are also seasonal declines during the irrigation season. The tendency of the water levels in the aquifer to be primarily influenced by climate and precipitation rather than well withdrawals indicates natural discharge is occurring, which the Water Management Board considers available for capture. Therefore, based on the record of observation wells, there is reasonable probability that unappropriated water is available for these applications.

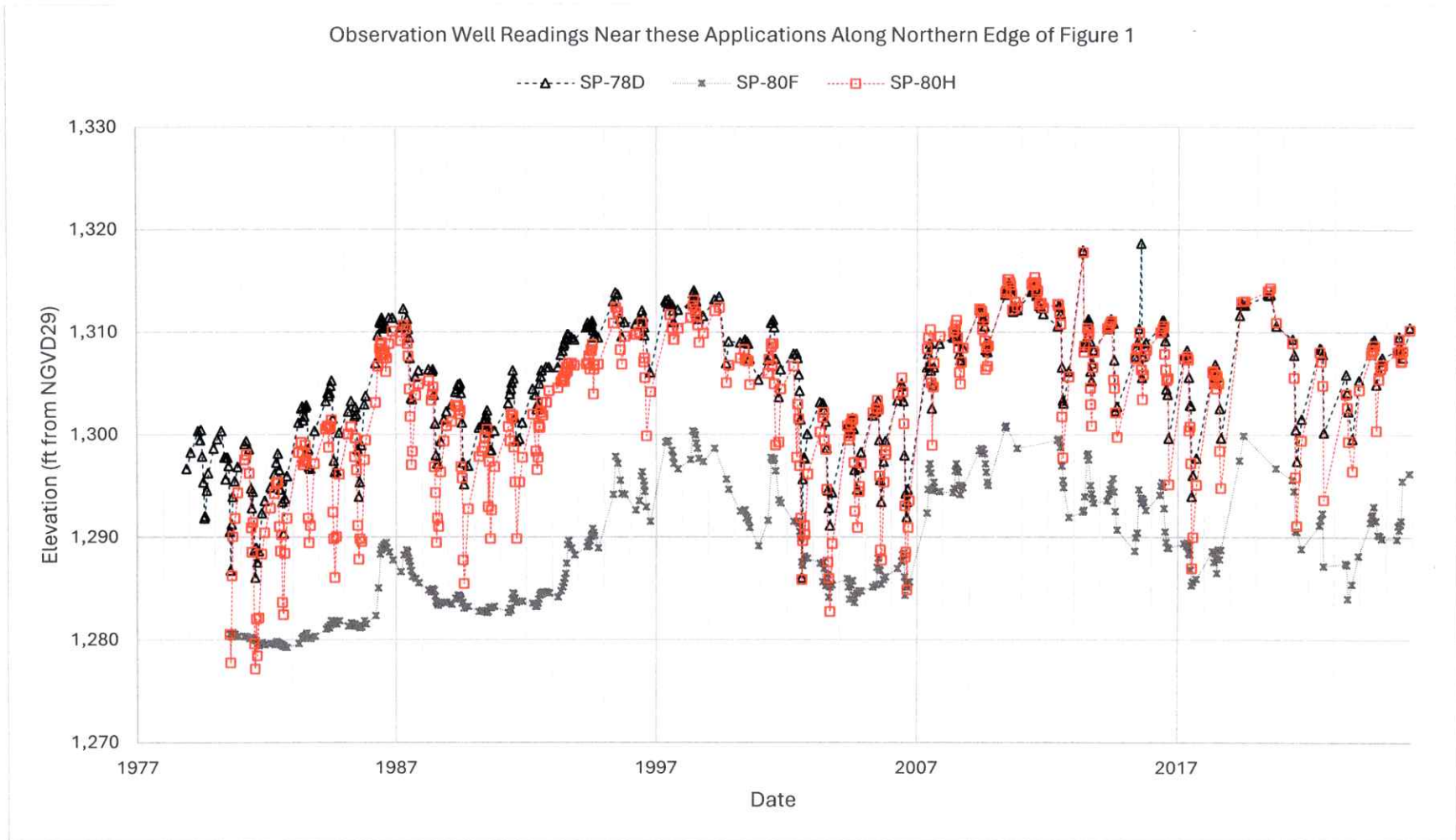


Figure 2: Observation well hydrographs for the observation wells near the northern edge of Figure 1 [2]

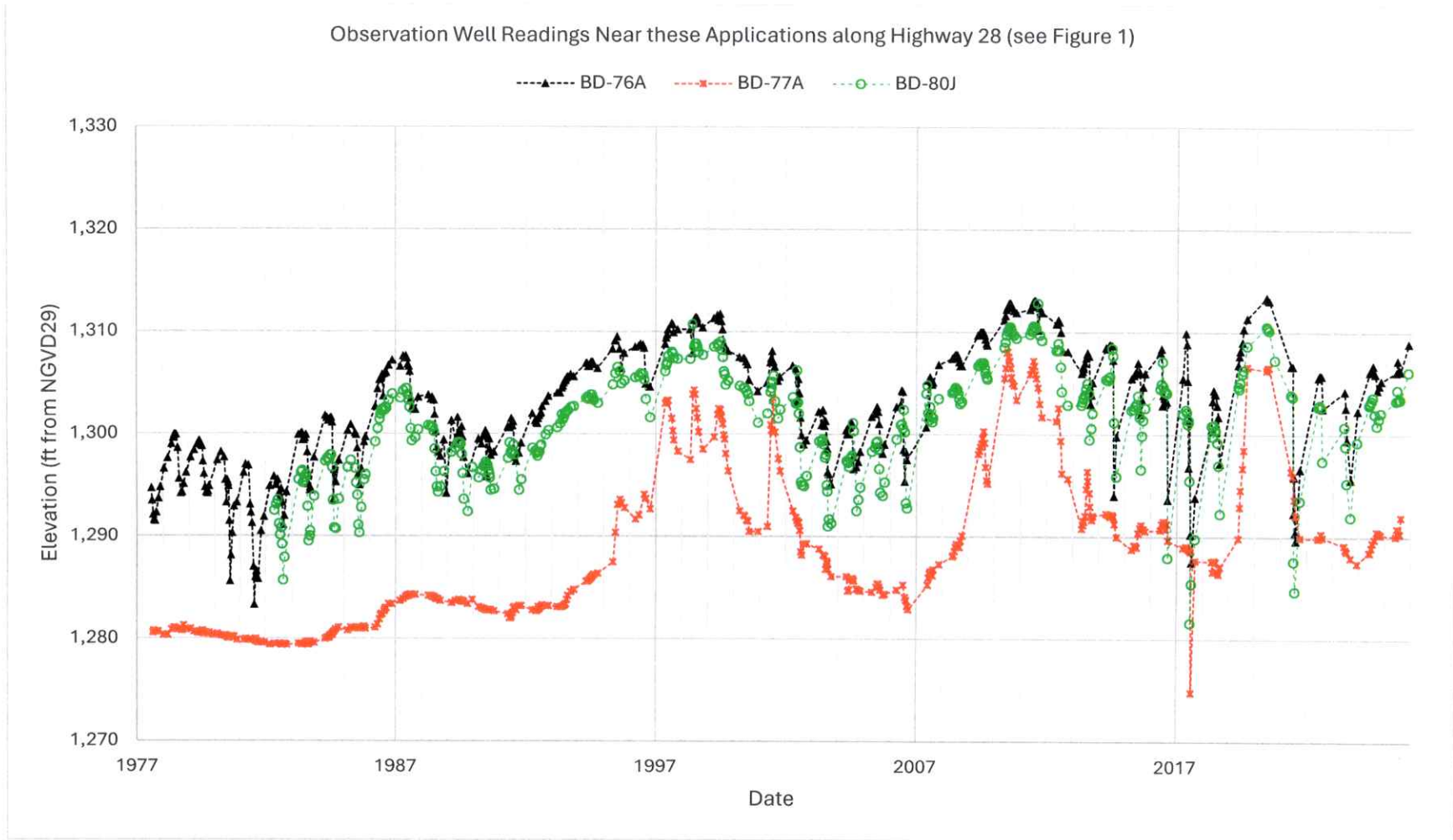


Figure 3: Observation well hydrograph for the observation wells along SD Highway 28 [2]

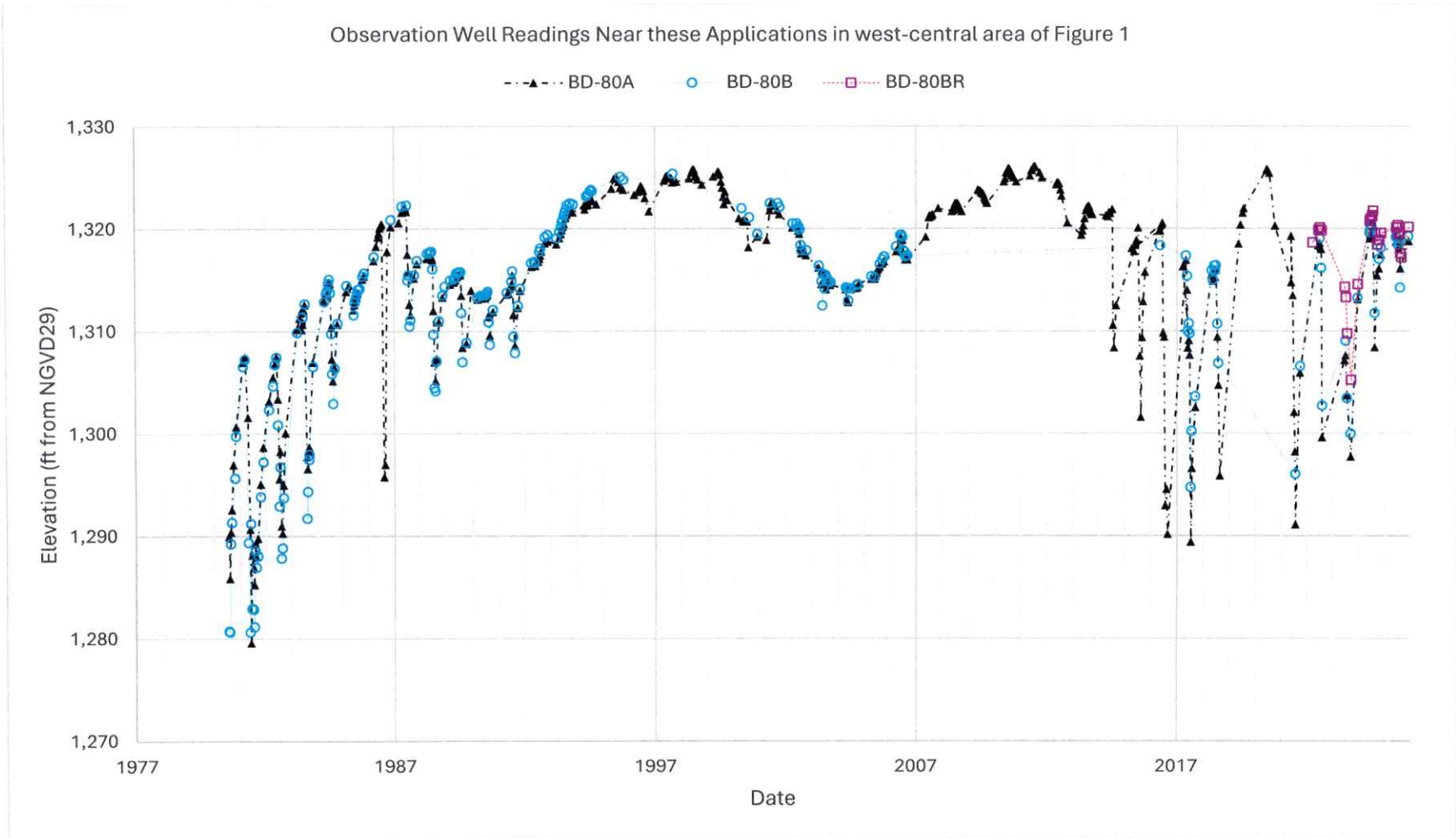


Figure 4: Observation well hydrograph for the wells in the west-central area of Figure 1 [2]

Possibility of Unlawful Impairment of Existing Water Rights

There are several water rights nearby the proposed wells for these applications that are not owned by the applicant [1]. Figure 1 shows the proximity of water rights near these applications. The nearest water right to any of the proposed diversion points which is not owned by the applicant is Water Right No. 7575B-3, approximately a quarter mile south of the western-most proposed well for App. No. 8108-3. The nearest domestic well to these applications that is on file with the Water Rights Program and not owned by the applicant is approximately a half mile southwest of the proposed well for App. No. 8110-3, based on the location provided by the well driller [4].

The Water Rights Program has historically interpreted an unlawful impairment of existing water rights to occur if a junior water right/permit causes a nearby adequate well with a senior water right/permit to become unable to withdraw at the rate it is entitled to or, if a domestic well is impacted, a water right/permit causes an adequate domestic well to be unable to withdraw at the rate needed to supply reasonable domestic use of water. ARSD 74:02:04:20(6) defines an adequate well as:

...a well constructed or rehabilitated to allow various withdrawal methods to be used, to allow the inlet to the pump to be placed not less than 20 feet into the saturated aquifer or formation material when the well is constructed, or to allow the pump to be placed as near to the bottom of the aquifer as is practical if the aquifer thickness is less than 20 feet

There are no complaints on file with the Water Rights Program involving possible well interference in the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer in Spink and Beadle Counties despite the large number of wells in relatively close proximity throughout the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer [15]. Therefore, based on the lack of complaints, there is reasonable probability this application can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing domestic wells or senior water rights.

Conclusions

1. Water Permit Application No. 8108-3 proposes to appropriate 14.0 cfs from up to four wells to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer in the approximate centers of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36, T114N-R64W, and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30, approximate center of Section 31, and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32; all in T114N-R63W for irrigation of 982 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32, Section 31; all in T114N-R63W, and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36-T114N-R64W. This application is priority of 17 out of 27 on the waitlist.
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4. Water Permit Application No. 8111-3 proposes to appropriate 1.94 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer in the approximate center of the NE ¼ Section 36 T113N-R64W for irrigation of 136 acres in that same quarter section. This application is priority 14 out of 27 on the waitlist.
5. The Water Management Board determined in December of 2025 that based on the hydrologic budget and observation well analysis, there is reasonable probability unappropriated water is available for this application.
6. There is reasonable probability this application can be developed without unlawful impairment of existing water rights or domestic uses.



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Appendix: Table of Held Permits

Table 3: All 27 held permits from the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer

App No.	Name	Priority	New CFS	New Acres	Existing associated permit	Existing CFS	Existing Acres	Total CFS	Total Acres	No. New Wells	No. Existing Wells	Description of Diversion Points	Lands Irrigated
8128-3	Riverside Hutterian Brethren	1	2.22	0	2078-3	7.25	792	9.47	792	0	5	Approx. ctrs of NW 1/4, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, SE 1/4 Sec. 28, W 1/2 W 1/2 Sec. 21; all in T112N-R61W	4 @ 132 acres for 528 acres in Sec. 28; 132 acres in NW 1/4 Sec. 21
8101-3	Bixler Farms	2	1.78	150	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	150	1	0	Approx. ctr of SW 1/4 Sec. 18 T114N-R62W	150 acres SW 1/4 Sec. 18
8137-3	Ken and Jodi Hofer	3	2.22	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.22	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of NE 1/4 Sec. 21 T113N-R62W	160 acres NE 1/4 Sec. 21
8085-3	Riverside Hutterian Brethren	4	1.71	120	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.71	120	1	0	Approx. ctr of NW 1/4 Sec. 20 T112N-R61W	160 acres in NW 1/4 Sec. 20
8120-3	Martin Anderson	5	1.86	132	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.86	132	1	or 1	Approx. ctr of Sec. 18 T113N-R62W	132 acres S 1/2 Sec. 18
8131-3	Scott Hamilton	6	2.00	290	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.00	290	1	0	Approx. ctr of SE 1/4 Sec. 10 T113N-R65W	290 acres E 1/2 Sec. 10
8138-3	Ken and Jodi Hofer	7	2.11	150	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.11	150	1	0	Approx. ctr of SE 1/4 Sec. 31 T113N-R62W	150 acres SE 1/4 Sec. 31
8106-3	Bixler Land	8	1.78	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of NE 1/4 Sec. 24 T114N-R63W	160 acres NE 1/4 Sec. 24
8103-3	Bixler Land	9	1.78	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of SW 1/4 Sec. 23	160 acres SW 1/4 Sec. 23
8084-3	Riverside Hutterian Brethren	10	3.77	264	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.77	264	2	0	Approx. ctrs of NW 1/4, NE 1/4 Sec. 29 T112N-R61W	2 @ 132 acres for 268 acres in N 1/2 Sec. 29
8105-3	Bixler Land	11	1.78	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of SE 1/4 Sec. 24 T114N-R63W	160 acres SE 1/4 Sec. 24
8129-3	Jeff Hamilton	12	2.00	145	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.00	145	up to 2	0	E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 6 T113N-R64W	145 acres NW 1/4 Sec. 6
8099-3	Bixler Farms	13	1.78	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of NW 1/4 Sec. 3 T114N-R63W	160 acres NW 1/4 Sec. 3
8111-3	Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	14	1.94	136	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.94	136	1	0	Approx. ctr of NE 1/4 Sec. 36 T113N-R64W	136 acres NE 1/4 Sec. 36
8133-3	Scott Hamilton	15	2.00	145	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.00	145	up to 2	0	NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 11 T113N-R65W	140 acres NE 1/4 Sec. 11
8102-3	Bixler Land	16	1.78	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of SE 1/4 Sec. 22 T114N-R63W	160 acres SE 1/4 Sec. 22

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App No.	Name	Priority	New CFS	New Acres	Existing associated permit	Existing CFS	Existing Acres	Total CFS	Total Acres	No. New Wells	No. Existing Wells	Description of Diversion Points	Lands Irrigated
8108-3	Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	17	14.00	982	N/A	N/A	N/A	14.00	982	4	0	Approx. ctrs of Sec. 31, SW 1/4 Sec. 30, NE 1/4 Sec. 32 T114N-R63W; NE 1/4 Sec. 36 T114N-R64W	574 acres Sec. 31, 136 each SW 1/4 Sec 30, NW 1/4 Sec 32, NE 1/4 Sec. 36
8110-3	Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	18	1.94	136	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.94	136	1	0	Approx. ctr of NW 1/4 Sec. 33 T114N-R63W	136 acres Sec. 33
8100-3	Bixler Farms	19	1.78	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of SW 1/4 Sec. 24 T115N-R63W	160 acres SW 1/4 Sec. 24
8121-3	Allen and Jeffrey Gatzke	20	0.89	40	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.89	40	1	0	Approx. ctr of NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 13 T114N-R63W	40 acres SW 1/4 Sec. 13
8130-3	Jeff Hamilton	21	2.00	145	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.00	145	up to 2	0	W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 6 T113N-R64W	145 acres NE 1/4 Sec. 6
8107-3	Bixler Farms	22	1.78	180	3052-3	1.88	140	3.66	320	1	1	new well in NW 1/4 Sec. 6, existing well in NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 6 T114N-R62W	180 additional acres in Sec. 6
8122-3	Allen and Jeffrey Gatzke	23	1.78	70	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	70	1	0	Approx. ctr of SE 1/4 Sec. 13 T114N-R63W	70 acres E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 13
8109-3	Van Buskirk Farms, LLP	24	7.77	544	N/A	N/A	N/A	7.77	544	4	0	Approx. ctrs of SE 1/4, SW 1/4 Sec. 4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 5; all in T113N-R63W	4 @ 136 acres in S 1/2 Sec. 4, E 1/2 Sec. 5
8135-3	Loren or Cynthia Marzahn	25	2.22	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.22	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of NE 1/4 Sec. 28 T115N-R63W	160 acres NE 1/4 Sec. 28
8104-3	Bixler Farms	26	1.78	160	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	160	1	0	Approx. ctr of SE 1/4 Sec. 35 T115N-R63W	160 acres SE 1/4 Sec. 35
8132-3	Hamilton Family LLC	27	2.00	145	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.00	145	up to 2	0	Approx. ctr of the SW 1/4 Sec. 15 T113N-R65W	145 acres SW 1/4 Sec. 15