

WATER PERMIT NO. 9002-3

Name of Applicant: Matthew Van Buskirk

Address: 18892 390th Avenue, Hitchcock SD 57348

Phone: 605-350-5671

Amount of Water Claimed: 1.78 cfs

Total Acres: 136

Source of Water Supply: Groundwater

Water to be used for: Irrigation

County: Spink

Type of Waste Disposal System:

Location: Approx. 3 miles north of Hitchcock

PRIORITY Date Received: 12-05-25

Application/License Fee: \$1,050.00

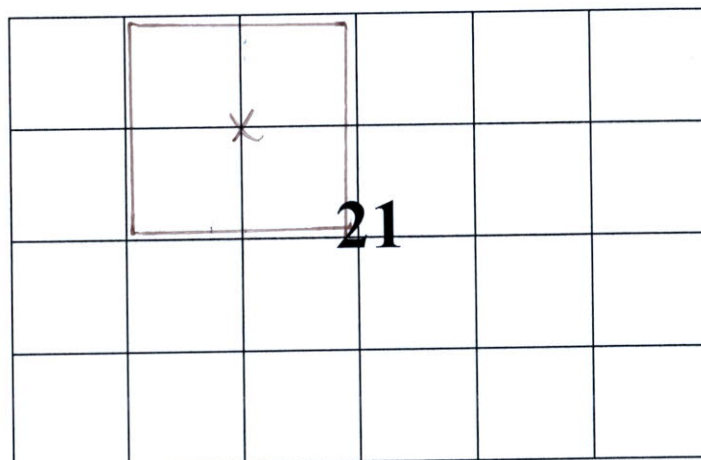
Corrected Application Received: 12-05-25

Period of Annual Use: May 1 – October 31

Remarks:

Diversion Point: NW 1/4 Sec 21-T114N-R63W

Land to be Irrigated: NW 1/4 Sec 21-T114N-R63W



Depth of Well: 76

Well Driller:

Remarks:

Type of Map: aerial

Reviewed and the Number Assigned on: 12-05-25

By: Rachel Rodriguez

Notice of Hearing - date to intervene: _____

SOUTH DAKOTA
WATER PERMIT NO. 9002-3

Date of first receipt of application December 5, 2025.

The Acting Chief Engineer, on behalf of the Water Management Board, issues Water Permit No. 9002-3 to Matthew Van Buskirk, 18892 390th Avenue, Hitchcock SD 57348, authorizing the construction of the water use system and the placing of water to beneficial use subject to the following limitations, conditions and qualifications:

1. Water Permit No. 9002-3 appropriates 1.78 cubic feet of water per second from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink Hitchcock Aquifer (approximately 76 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the NW 1/4 Section 21 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the NW 1/4 Section 21; all in T114N-R63W. This site is located approximately three miles north of Hitchcock SD.
2. The amount of the appropriation may not exceed 2 acre feet annually for each acre of land to which water is actually and beneficially applied for irrigation. The water is to be used during the following described annual period: May 1 – October 31.
3. The date from which applicant may claim right is December 5, 2025.
4. The date of approval of Permit No. 9002-3 is June 15, 2026.
5. One-fifth of the construction is to be completed on or before December 15, 2028.
6. All construction is to be completed on or before June 15, 2031.
7. Water is to be put to beneficial use on or before June 15, 2035.
8. Water rights obtained in compliance with the laws of the State of South Dakota may not be unlawfully impaired by this appropriation.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. The well approved under Water Permit No. 9002-3 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. 9002-3 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.

WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

By: Adam Mathiowetz
Adam Mathiowetz, PE
Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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FORM 2: Application for irrigation in South Dakota
(type or print)

Mail to: SD DANR, Water Rights 523 E Capitol Ave Pierre, SD 57501-3182 ph. (605) 773-3352	No. <u>9002-3</u> Hydrologic Unit <u>10160006</u>
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Application for Permit to Appropriate Water for Irrigation

Type of Application: ☒ New ☐ Vested Right ☐ Amendment/Correction to Permit No. _____
(Use predates Mar 2, 1955)

Description of amendment/correction: (i.e. change diversion point(s), add diversion point(s), change use, etc.)

1. Name to Appear on Irrigation Permit Matthew Van Buskirk

Note: The "Name to Appear on Irrigation Permit" must be the name in which the property to be irrigated is held in.

Mailing Address 18892 390th Ave Hitchcock SD 57348
(Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone _____ Mobile 605-350-5671 Email matthewvanbuskirk1977@gmail.com

2. Amount of water claimed 1.78 *CFS or 800 **GPM _____ ***AF Total Acreage 136
(*Cubic Feet per Second) (**Gallons per Minute) (***)Acre Feet - storage capacity of dam/dugout or annual use if applicable)

3. Source of water supply One well

4. Location of point of diversion Approximate center of NW1/4 21-T114N-R63W
(example - 3 wells in SW1/4 NE1/4 section 12-T104N-R53W)

County Spink

5. County or counties where water will be used Spink

6. Annual period during which water is to be used May 1 - October 31

7. List below each forty-acre division, or lot, or fraction thereof and show number of acres to be irrigated in each.
(Attach sheet if more space is needed)

Land Description	Acres	Land Description	Acres
NW1/4 21-T114N-R63W	136		

8. Give a description of the project. (Attach sheet if more space is needed)

I, Matthew Van Buskirk Owner, the applicant, certify under
Name of Person Title (if applicable)

penalty of perjury that I have read this application, examined the attached map, and that the matters stated are true. I further certify, if acting on behalf of an entity or individual other than myself, that I am authorized to submit this application.

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Attachments: Attach Form 2A if diversion is from a well or dugout, or if storage of water is proposed. Also, attach map and any other technical information. (see instructions)

Supplemental Information

(type or print)

1. Well Information (check one or both as applicable) ☒ Drilling new well(s) ☐ Using existing well(s)

a) If new wells, how many 1 Have test holes been drilled? ☐ Yes ☒ No Drilled by _____
(if yes, please provide copies of logs)

b) If existing wells, how many _____ Provide copy of log(s), if available. Drilled by _____

For either existing or proposed wells:

c) Well Depth (required) 76 Depth to Top of Water Bearing Material _____ Depth to Water from Surface _____

d) Distance to nearest domestic well on applicant's property _____ Property owned by others One half mile

2. Wastewater Disposal System Information

a) Type of System (i.e. septic tank, drain field) _____

b) System Capacity (gallons) _____ Year Constructed _____

c) Connected to the City of _____ Sanitary System

3. Dugout Information

a) Surface Dimensions _____ Depth _____

b) Depth to water (ground surface to water level) _____

4. Water Storage Dams

If the proposed water use system contains one or more storage dams, please furnish the information requested below for each dam. The locations of the dams need to be shown on the map submitted with the application.

a) If a private engineering firm or government agency was involved in the design of this dam, please give their name and address:

b) Freeboard _____

c) Crest Width _____

Crest Length _____

d) Height _____

e) Primary Outlet Capacity _____

If pipe, diameter _____

f) Secondary Spillway Capacity _____

Spillway Width _____

g) X & Y Slope (e.g. 3 to 1 is a typical slope)

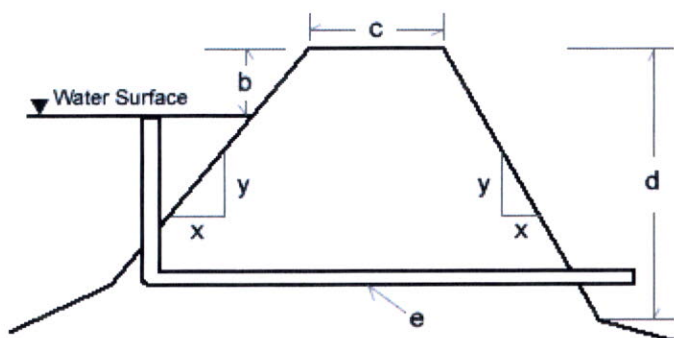
Upstream _____

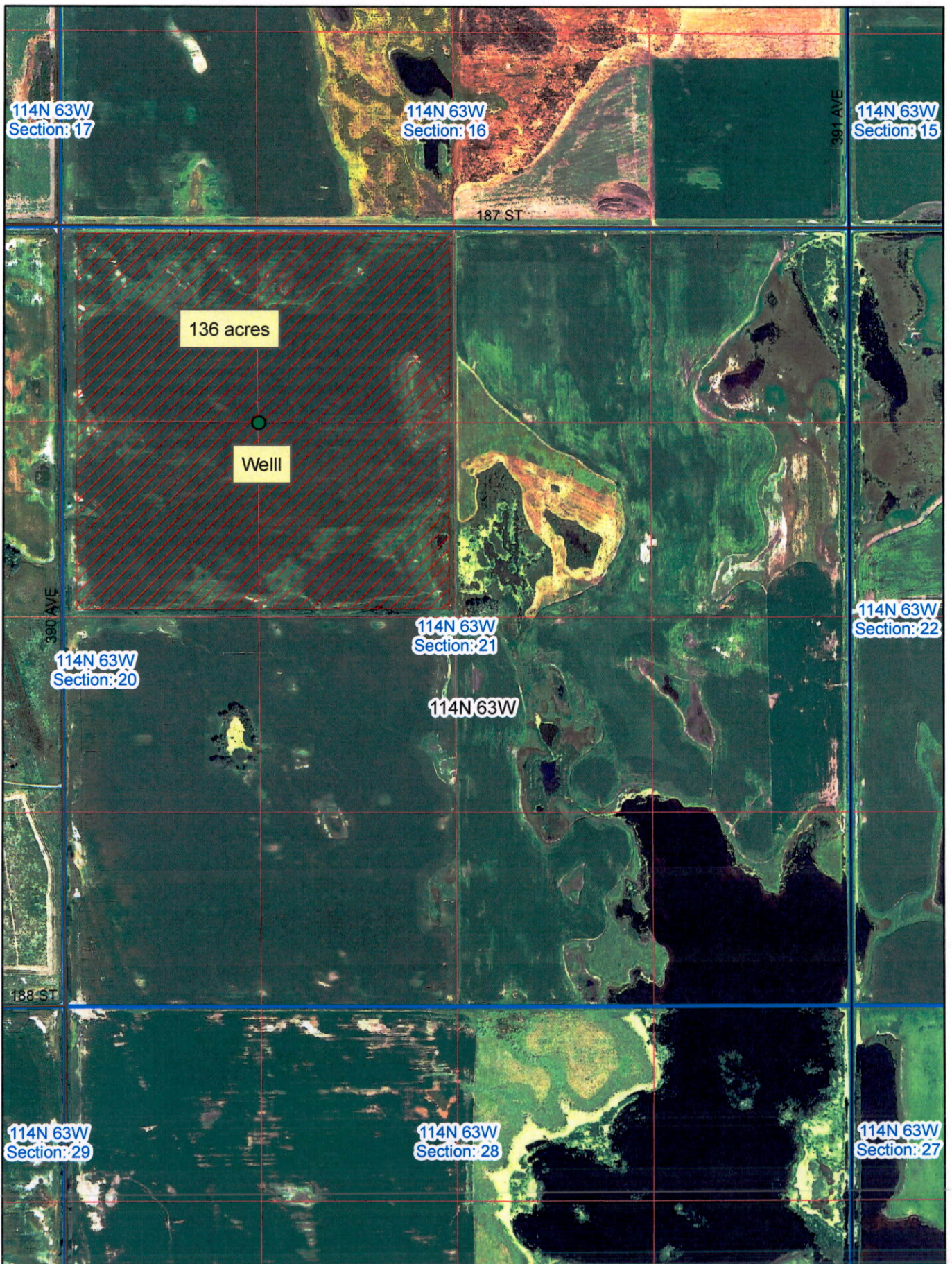
Downstream _____

h) Area of Impoundment _____

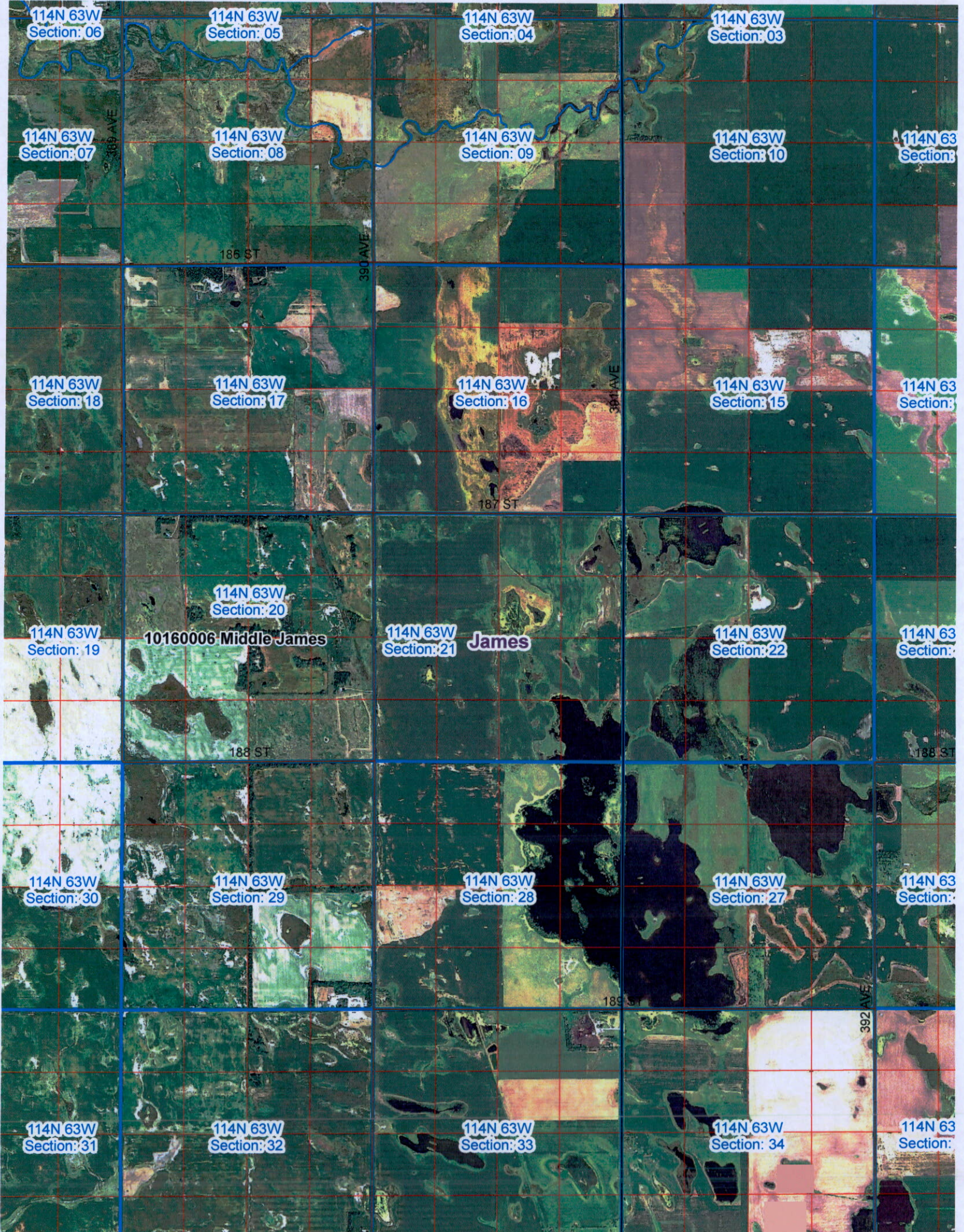
i) Storage _____ Acre Feet

j) Drainage Area Above Dam _____ Acres





Don J. Smith
SO DANR



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WATER RIGHTS PROGRAM South Dakota Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Date December 08, 2025

RECEIVED OF Matthew Van Buskirk 18892 390th Ave Hitchcock SD 57348

The following amount in fees for services rendered as provided for by law:

Fee for Application for Permit No. _____ to Appropriate Water, to construct and to put water to beneficial use	\$ <u>850.00</u>
Fee for Application for Permit No. _____ to Appropriate Water for Future use	\$ _____
Fee to retain Future Use Permit No. _____ after period of seven years.	\$ _____
Fee for Inspecting Constructed Works, confirming beneficial use and issuing Water License No. _____	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Fee for Filing Transfer Form _____	\$ _____
Fee for _____	\$ _____
Fee for Issuing New Well Driller's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Renewal of Well Driller's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Issuing Well Pump Installer's License No. _____	\$ _____
Fee for Renewal of Well Pump Installer's License No. _____	\$ _____
(Any Other Work Provided by Law) TOTAL	\$ <u>1050.00</u>

By  Chief Engineer



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
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**RECOMMENDATION OF ACTING CHIEF ENGINEER FOR WATER PERMIT
APPLICATION NO. 9002-3, Matthew Van Buskirk**

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. 9002-3, Matthew Van Buskirk, 18892 390th Avenue, Hitchcock SD 57348.

The Acting Chief Engineer is recommending APPROVAL of Application No. 9002-3 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. 9002-3 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. 9002-3 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
May 20, 2026

**Report to the Chief Engineer on
Water Permit App. Nos. 9000-3, 9001-3, 9002-3, 9003-3, 9004-3, and 9005-3
Matthew Van Buskirk
2026 April 20**

In October of 2013, the Water Management Board declared the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer was fully appropriated. The 27 applications that were placed on hold following legislation to establish a waitlist for fully appropriated aquifers were considered and approved at the May 2026 Water Management Board meeting. There are also 24 new applications for the aquifer in review pursuant to State rule and State law for new water permit applications. Figure 1 below is a map of the new applications in this report and Water Rights Program observation wells completed into the same aquifer in the area [1].

Water Permit Application No. 9000-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cubic feet of water per second (cfs) from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer (approximately 76 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36; all in T113N-R63W. This site is located in Beadle County approximately five and one-half miles south-southeast of Hitchcock, South Dakota. The priority for this application is December 4, 2025, and it was the fourth of six applications received that day.

Water Permit Application No. 9001-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer (approximately 76 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the approximate center of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32; all in T114N-R63W. This site is located in Spink County approximately one mile west-northwest of Hitchcock, South Dakota. The priority for this application is December 5, 2025, and it was the fifth of eight applications received that day.

Water Permit Application No. 9002-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed in the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer (approximately 76 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21; all in T114N-R63W. This site is located Spink County approximately three miles north of Hitchcock, South Dakota. The priority of this application is December 5, 2025, and it was fourth of eight applications received that day.

Water Permit Application No. 9003-3 proposes to appropriate 3.57 cfs from up to two wells to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer (both approximately 76 feet deep) located in the approximate centers of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21 for irrigation of 272 acres located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 21; all in T114N-R63W. This site is located in Spink County approximately two- and one-half miles north of Hitchcock, South Dakota. The priority of this application is December 5, 2025, and it was third of eight applications received that day.

Water Permit Application No. 9004-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer (approximately 76 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7; all in T113N-R63W. This site is located in Beadle County approximately two

miles southwest of Hitchcock, South Dakota. The priority of this application is December 5, 2025, and it was second of eight applications received that day.

Water Permit Application No. 9005-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer (approximately 76 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the SE ¼ Section 30 for irrigation of 136 acres in the SE ¼ Section 30; all in T113N-R63W. This site is located in Beadle County approximately four and one-half miles south-southwest of Hitchcock, South Dakota. The priority of this application is December 5, 2025, and it was the first of eight ap applications received that day.

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) [2] [3]. 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 [4]. The Niobrara Formation and Codell Sandstone can also be aquifers in portions of South Dakota [1] [5]. 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 saturated 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 stored 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 test hole log completed in Section 6-T113N-R63W, the same section as Application No. 9000-3, indicates the driller encountered clay or silty clay from grade to the total depth of 18.5 feet. The First Occurrence of Aquifer Materials map for Beadle County [11], which, among other information, is the basis of the current delineation of the aquifer [10] [12], shows Application No. 9000-3 may be on the edge of the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer. Water level information is not available at this site. Based on the available information, the applicant may have difficulty developing at this site.

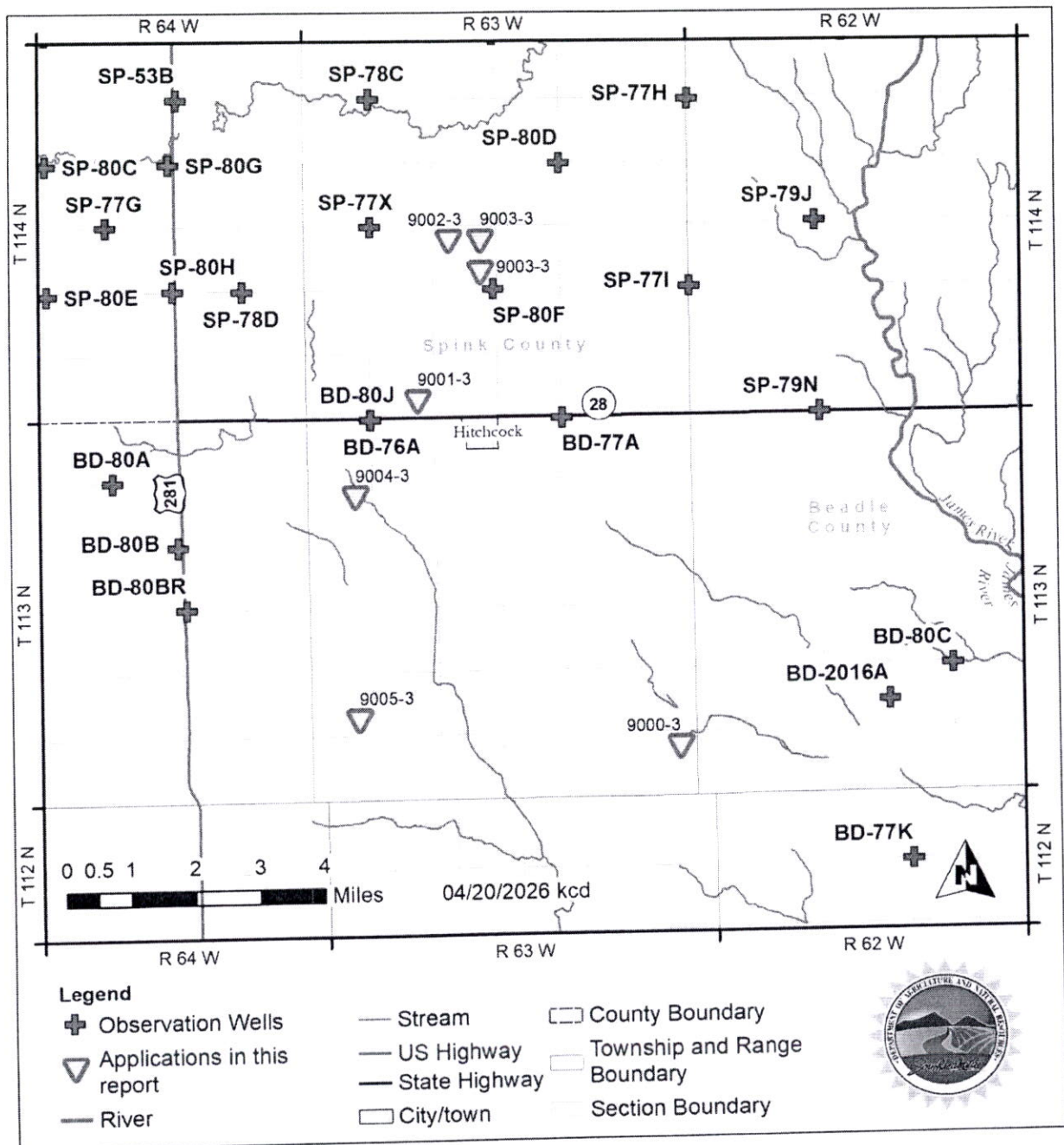


Figure 1: Map of applications in this report and observations near them [1].

Application Nos. 9001-3 and 9004-3 are 0.8 miles northeast, and 1.25 miles south, respectively, of Water Rights Program Observation Wells BD-80J and BD-76A [1]. Those two observation wells are at essentially the same location but completed into different layers of outwash. Observation Well BD-76A has sand from 4 to 32 feet below grade, gravel from 32 to 51 feet, lignite from 51 to 52 feet, gravel from 52 to 79 feet, clay till from 79 to the total depth of 90 feet below grade. The driller did not provide screen information for this well but it was likely a sandpoint from 65 to 70 feet below grade, based on the construction of Observation Well BD-80J

and total casing information provided. Water level elevations for Observation Well BD-76A are shown in Figure 3 (page 9). Observation Well BD-76A has historically always been under unconfined conditions. Observation Well BD-80J has clay till from 3 feet below grade to 39 feet, sand from 39 to 42 feet, clay till from 42 to 44 feet, a boulder from 44 to 46 feet, clay till from 46 to 132 feet, sand from 132 to 150 feet, clay till from 150 to 173 feet, and shale from 173 feet to the total depth of 180 feet. The screen for this well is a sandpoint from 140 to 145 feet below grade. Water level elevations for Observation Well BD-80J are shown in Figure 3 (page 9). Observation Well BD-80J has historically always been under confined conditions, meaning the water levels rise above the top of the water-bearing layer.

Near Application Nos. 9002-3 and 9003-3, Observation well SP-80F is in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section as the proposed well sites [1]. The geologist reported encountering sand from 28 feet to the total depth of 67 feet below grade. The screen for that well was installed from approximately 45 to 60 feet below grade. Water level elevations for Observation Well SP-80F are shown in Figure 2 (page 8). Observation Well SP-80F is generally under unconfined conditions, although water levels will occasionally rise above the top of the water bearing layer during periods of unusually high precipitation [13].

Near Application No. 9005-3, two test holes were completed in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 29-T113N-R63W, approximately one half-mile east of the proposed well for that application, based on the location reported by the driller [3]. For the first hole, the driller reported encountering yellow clay from 3 to 11 feet, gravel from 11 to 23 feet, blue clay from 23 to 50 feet, blue clay and streaks of gravel from 50 to 133 feet, and shale from 133 feet to the total depth of 135 feet. For the second hole, the driller reported encountering yellow clay and sand from 3 to 17 feet, blue clay from 17 to 50 feet, and blue clay and streaks of gravel from 50 to total depth of 140 feet. Based on this and other well completion reports [3] and lithologic logs [2] near this application, the applicant may have difficulty developing at this site. Water level information is not available at this site.

The depths of water and formations encountered are typical for the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer in this area [14]. Based on this information and observation well data, the aquifer fluctuates between unconfined and confined near these applications depending on location, climatic conditions, and the timing of irrigation withdrawals [1].

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 this application 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 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 [15]. Therefore, the Water Management Board must find that recharge to the aquifer exceeds withdrawals to approve this application.

Availability of Water

Hydrologic Budget

The hydrologic budget of the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer as of 2025 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 [14], which equates to 18,000 ac-ft/yr over the currently estimated extent of the aquifer. Withdrawals from the aquifer are mainly for irrigation use by 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. There are 27 water permit applications that were held in 2015 following procedure for fully appropriated aquifers established by the Legislature in 2014, which are being processed and scheduled for the May 2026 Board meeting at the time of report writing. Those 27 applications have senior priority to the applications in this report. For the last ten years of record, the reported average irrigation per 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 total estimated withdrawal of the 27 held applications, if approved, is likely to range between approximately 2,300 and 2,500 ac-ft/yr. Table 1 summarizes the held applications and estimated withdrawal based on past irrigation reports. The held water permit application for Martin Anderson (App. No. 8120-3) may not be developed because the applicant indicated an intent to irrigate from the same aquifer at a different location [16]. This action would not change the hydrologic budget but would make Mr. Anderson's new application (9036-3) junior to the applications in this report. At the time of writing, there are 25 new applications requesting water from the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer, including Application No. 9036-3. Appendix Table 3 (page 15) lists the new permit applications in order of priority date and other details pertaining to those applications. Table 2 summarizes the estimated withdrawals for the new applications, except Application No. 9036-3 (excluded so as not to double count on the hydrologic budget), which are also all for irrigation.

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The applications in this report are estimated to withdraw between 416 and 458 ac-ft/yr on average, although the lower value is more likely as it is based on only the last 10 years of irrigation withdrawals rather than the entire period of record when irrigation practices were different. Therefore, based on the hydrologic budget, there is reasonable probability there is unappropriated water available for these applications.

Table 1: Estimated withdrawals for the 27 held applications approved at the May 2026 Water Management Board meeting. Several applicants have multiple held 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

* This application may be canceled if App. No. 9036-3 is approved.

Table 2: Estimated withdrawals for new applications since the December 2025 Water Management Board meeting

Applicant for New 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
Bixler Farms	4.01	172	75	83
Matthew Van Buskirk	12.46	952	416	458
Wayne or Scott Binger	4.00	280	122	135
Terry McClain	2.00	180	79	87
Timoty Masat	1.78	204	89	98
Craig Brock	1.78	155	68	75
Lenny D Peterson	3.56	440	192	212
Brian Gilbert	3.57	300	131	144
Jon Gilbert	3.56	280	122	135
Danny Peterson	0.00	209	91	101
Total	36.72	3,172	1,384	1,527

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 [1]. The location of these observation wells is mapped in Figure 1 (page 3).

Near Application Nos. 9002-3 and 9003-3, Observation Well SP-80F is in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the same section as those applications, Observation Well SP-77X is approximately one mile west of those applications, and Observation Well SP-80D is approximately one mile northeast of those applications [1]. Figure 2 shows the hydrograph for those wells [1]. Near Application Nos. 9001-3 and 9004-3, Observation Wells BD-80J and BD-76A are approximately three quarters of a mile southwest of Application No. 9001-3 and one mile north of application No. 9004-3. Observation Well BD-77A is approximately 2 miles east of Application No. 9001-3 and 3 miles northeast of Application No. 9004-3. Figure 3 shows the hydrograph for those three observation wells [1]. Observation Wells BD-80B and BD-80BR are approximately four and three miles northwest of Application No. 9005-3, respectively. The gap in readings in Observation Well BR-80B is because that observation well is in a slough and was inaccessible for that time period. Observation Wells BD-2016A and BD-80C are approximately three and four miles east of Application No. 9000-3, respectively. Figure 4 shows the hydrograph for those four observation wells [1].

The water-level fluctuations in those wells are representative of the general behavior of the aquifer. In general, water levels rise during periods of higher-than-average precipitation and decline during periods of lower-than-average precipitation [13]. There is a slight trend of springtime water levels increasing with time, which is consistent with the increased precipitation over time in the area [1] [13]. 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 that recharge and 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.

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Observation Well Water Elevations Near App. Nos. 9002-3 and 9003-3

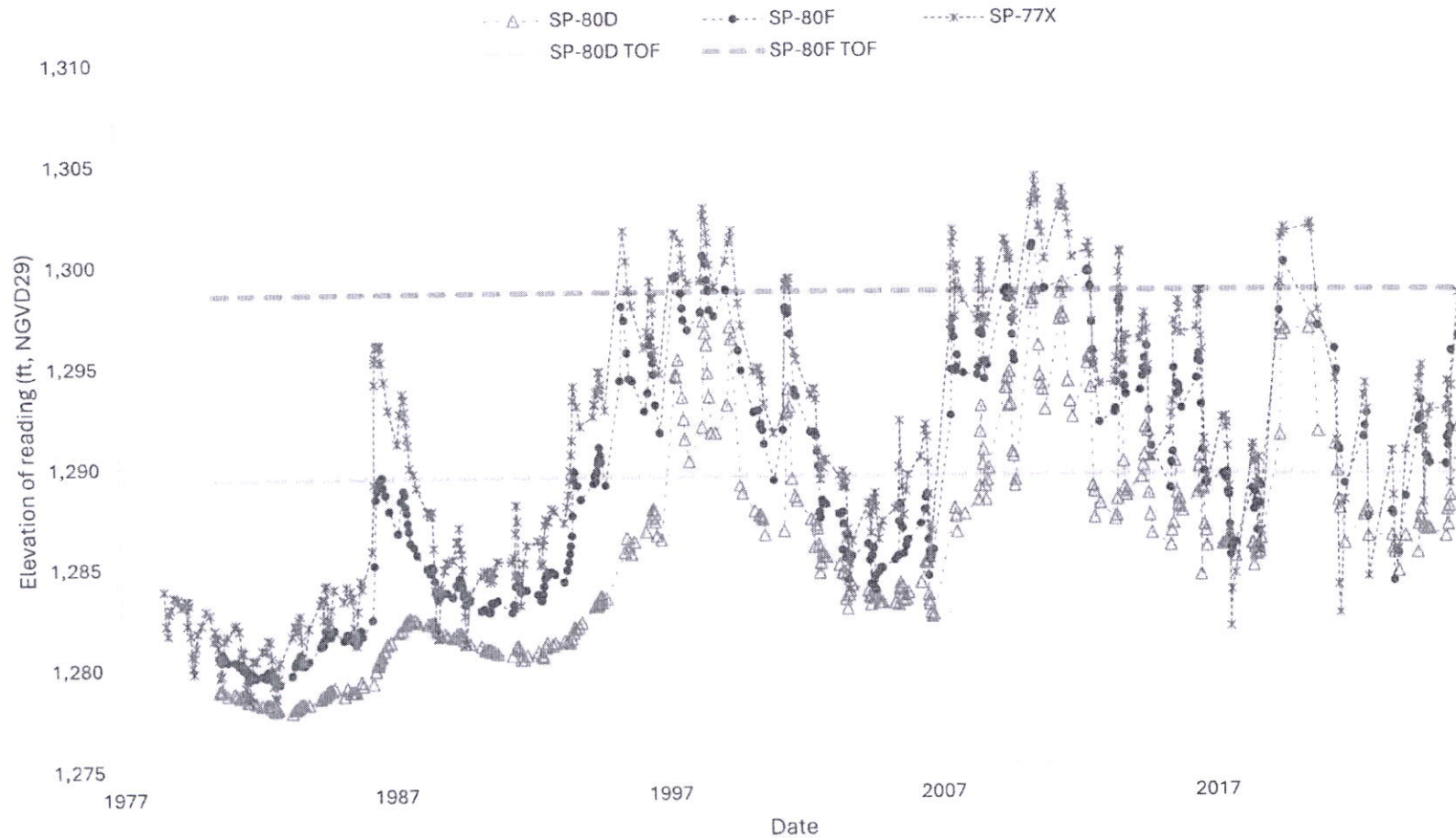


Figure 2: Water level elevations for three observation wells near the northern-most applications in this report. Top of Formation (TOF) for SP-77X is approximately 1,251 feet from NGVD29, which is below the lowest extent of this graph [1].

Report on Water Permit App. Nos. 9000-3 through 9005-3

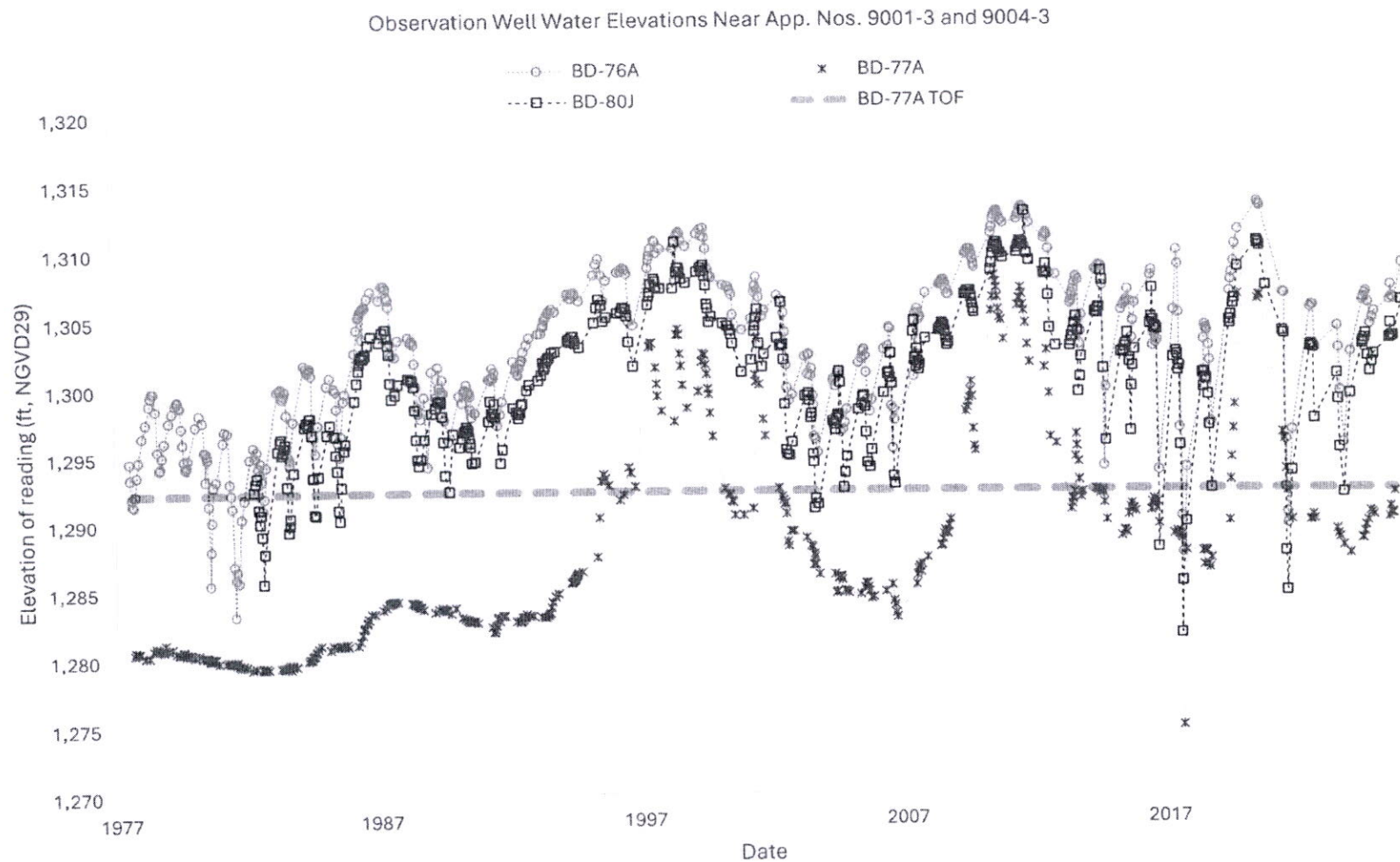


Figure 3: Observation well water elevations for wells near Application Nos. 9001-3 and 9004-3. Top of Formation (TOF) elevations of BD-76A and BD-80J are approximately 1,375 and 1,198 feet from NGVD29, respectively [1].

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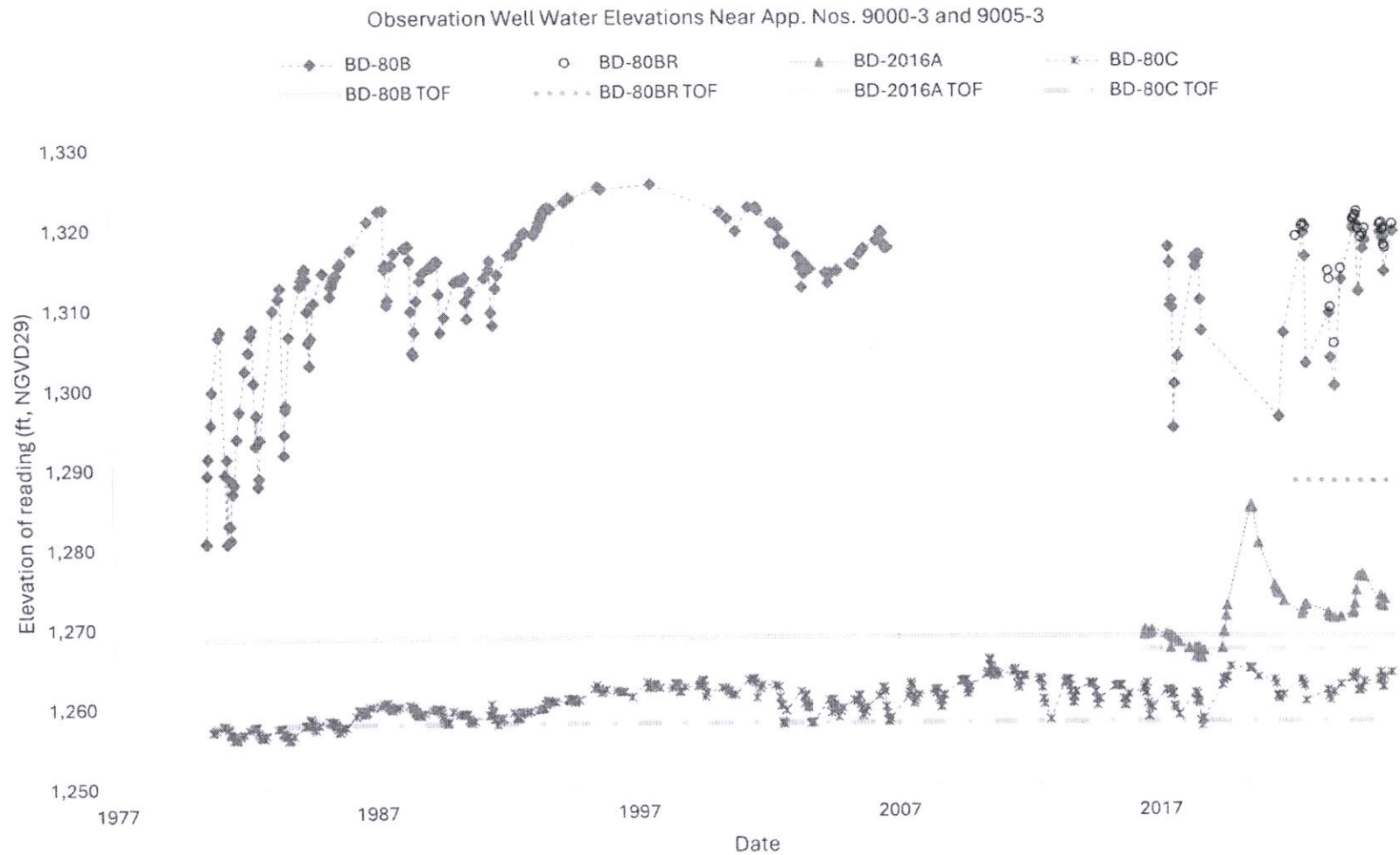


Figure 4: Observation well water elevations near southern-most applications in this report. TOF - Top of Formation [1].

Possibility of Unlawful Impairment of Existing Water Rights

The nearest water right permit for any appropriation, not owned by the applicant, to the well sites for these applications is Water Right No. 3603-3, approximately one half mile north of the northernmost proposed well for Application No. 9003-3 [5]. There are numerous domestic wells on file with the Water Rights Program near these applications, based on the locations provided by the well drillers [3]. There may be more wells in the area that are not on file because they predate the South Dakota Well Construction Standards requiring drillers file a report for each well and test hole drilled. The nearest domestic well to Application No. 9002-3 is approximately three-quarters mile northwest of that proposed well [3]. The nearest domestic well to Application No. 9003-3 is approximately a half mile east of the northernmost proposed well for that application. The nearest domestic well to Application No. 9001-3 is approximately one quarter mile northeast of that proposed well. The nearest domestic well to Application No. 9004-3 is within same quarter as that application. The location provided on the well completion report is not precise, and geology mentioned in well log not favorable for that well having been useful for a long time. The next nearest domestic well is approximately three-quarters of a mile west of proposed well for Application No. 9004-3. The nearest domestic well to Application No. 9005-3 is approximately one mile north of the proposed well. The nearest domestic well to Application No. 9000-3 is approximately one mile southeast of proposed well.

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 appropriative wells in relatively close proximity throughout the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer [17]. 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. 9000-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer located in the approximate center of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 36; all in T113N-R63W.

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2. Water Permit Application No. 9001-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer located in the approximate center of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 32; all in T114N-R63W.
3. Water Permit Application No. 9002-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed in the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer located in the approximate center of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21; all in T114N-R63W.
4. Water Permit Application No. 9003-3 proposes to appropriate 3.57 cfs from up to two wells to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer located in the approximate centers of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 21 for irrigation of 272 acres located in the E $\frac{1}{2}$ Section 21; all in T114N-R63W.
5. Water Permit Application No. 9004-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer located in the approximate center of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 7; all in T113N-R63W.
6. Water Permit Application No. 9005-3 proposes to appropriate 1.78 cfs from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock aquifer in the approximate center of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30 for irrigation of 136 acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30; all in T113N-R63W.
7. Based on the hydrologic budget and observation well analysis, there is reasonable probability unappropriated water is available for these applications.
8. There is reasonable probability these applications can be developed without unlawful impairment of senior water rights or domestic use.



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Appendix: Supplemental Tables

Table 3: All Tulare: Western Spink-Hitchcock water permit applications in process at time of report authorship.

File No.	Name	Priority	T	R	New Development Proposed					Other Water Right in Application						Total CFS	Total Acres
			N	W	CFS	Acres	No. Wells	Location of Wells	Location of Acres	File No.	No. Wells	CFS	Acres	Location of Wells	Location of Acres		
8993-3	Bixler Farms	12/04/2025 # 1 of 6	115	63	0.45	12	0	N/A	SE ¼ & E ½ SW ¼ Sec 25	4134A-3	2	1.33	128	Sec. 25	SW ¼ SE ¼, NW ¼ SE ¼ Sec 25	1.78	140
8994-3		12/04/2025 # 2 of 6	114	62	1.78	160	1	Ctr. of SE ¼ Sec. 18	SE ¼ Sec 18	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	160
8995-3		12/04/2025 # 3 of 6	114	62	1.78	0	1	Ctr. of SW ¼ Sec 31	N/A	5182-3	1	1.88	279	Ctr. of NW ¼ Sec 31	NW ¼, W ½ NE ¼, SW ¼ Sec 31	3.66	279
9000-3	Matthew Van Buskirk	12/04/2025 # 4 of 6	113	63	1.78	136	1	Ctr. of NE ¼ Sec 36	NE ¼ Sec 36	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	136
8996-3	Wayne or Scott Binger	12/04/2025 # 5 of 6	114	65	2.00	140	up to 2	NW ¼ Sec 1	NW ¼ Sec 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.00	140
8997-3		12/04/2025 # 6 of 6	115	65	2.00	140	up to 2	NE ¼ Sec 25	NE ¼ Sec 25	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.00	140
9005-3	Matthew Van Buskirk	12/05/2025 # 1 of 8	113	63	1.78	136	1	Ctr. SE ¼ Sec 30	SE ¼ Sec 30	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	136
9004-3		12/05/2025 # 2 of 8	113	63	1.78	136	1	Ctr. NE ¼ Sec 7	NE ¼ Sec 7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	136
9003-3		12/05/2025 # 3 of 8	114	63	3.56	272	2	Ctrs. of SE ¼ & NE ¼ Sec 21	E ½ Sec 21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.56	272
9002-3		12/05/2025 # 4 of 8	114	63	1.78	136	1	Ctr. of NW ¼ Sec 21	NW ¼ Sec 21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	136
9001-3		12/05/2025 # 5 of 8	114	63	1.78	136	1	Ctr. SE ¼ Sec 32	SE ¼ Sec 32	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	136
8998-3	Terry McClain	12/05/2025 # 6 of 8	114	62	2.00	180	1	Ctr. SW ¼ Sec 8	S ½ Sec 8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	2.00	180
9006-3	Timoty Masat	12/05/2025 # 7 of 8	115	63	1.78	204	2	Ctrs. of NW ¼, SE ¼ Sec 21	N ½ Sec 21	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	204
8999-3	Craig Brock	12/05/2025 # 8 of 8	113	63	1.78	155	1	Ctr. NE ¼ Sec 2	NE ¼ Sec 2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	155
9010-3	Lenny D Peterson	12/06/2025 # 1 of 1	115	65	1.78	280	2	W ½ SE ¼ Sec 12	S ½ Sec 12	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.78	280
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9008-3	Brian Gilbert	12/08/2025 # 1 of 2	115	65	3.57	300	2	Ctrs. NE ¼ & SE ¼ Sec 28	E ½ Sec 28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.57	300

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9013-3	Danny Peterson	12/23/2025 # 1 of 6	114	63	0.00	25	0	N/A	SW ¼ Sec 22	7725C-3	1	1.78	135	NE ¼ SW ¼ Sec 22	SW ¼ Sec 22	1.78	160
9014-3		12/23/2025 # 2 of 6	114	63	0.00	45	0	N/A	E ½ Sec 2	6333A-3	1	1.78	215	NE ¼ SW ¼ Sec 2	E ½ Sec 2	1.78	260
9016-3		12/23/2025 # 3 of 6	114	63	0.00	30	0	N/A	SW ¼ Sec 2	3065B-3	1	1.66	130	Ctr. of SW ¼ Sec 2	SW ¼ Sec 2	1.66	160
9015-3		12/23/2025 # 4 of 6	114	63	0.00	28	0	N/A	NE ¼ Sec 22	6312-3	1	1.78	132	Ctr. NE ¼ Sec 22	NE ¼ Sec 22	1.78	160
9017-3		12/23/2025 # 5 of 6	113	62	0.00	25	0	N/A	NW ¼ Sec 6	1512-3	1	1.90	135	Ctr. of NW ¼ Sec 6	NW ¼ Sec 6	1.90	160
9018-3		12/23/2025 # 6 of 6	114	63	0.00	56	0	N/A	E ½ Sec 34	6201C-3	2	3.56	264	SE ¼ NE ¼ & Ctr. of SE ¼ Sec 34	E ½ Sec 34	3.56	320
9036-3*	Martin Anderson	03/29/2026	113	64	1.86	136	1	Ctr. NE ¼ Sec 1	NE ¼ Sec. 1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.86	136
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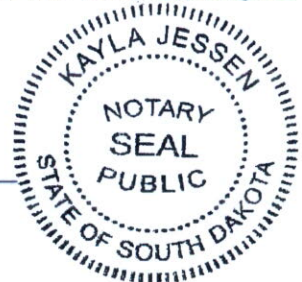
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
NO. 9002-3 to
Appropriate Water**

Notice is given that Matthew Van Buskirk, 18892 390th Avenue, Hitchcock SD 57348, has filed an application for a water permit to appropriate 1.78 cubic feet of water per second from one well to be completed into the Tulare: Western Spink Hitchcock Aquifer (approximately 76 feet deep) located in the approximate center of the NW 1/4 Section 21 for irrigation of 136 acres located in the NW 1/4 Section 21; all in T114N-R63W. This site is located approximately three miles north of Hitchcock SD. Pursuant to SDCL 46-2A-2, the Acting Chief Engineer recommends APPROVAL of Application No. 9002-3 with qualifications because 1) unappropriated water is available, 2) existing domestic water uses and water rights will not be unlawfully impaired, 3) it is a beneficial use of water, and 4) it is in the public interest as it pertains to matters within the regulatory authority of the Water Management Board. The Acting Chief Engineer's recommendation with qualifications, the application, and staff report are available at <https://danr.sd.gov/public> or contact Amanda Dewell for this information, or other information, at the Water Rights Program address provided below.

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From: Rodriguez, Rachel
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To: matthewvanbuskirk1977@gmail.com
Subject: 9002-3 Van Buskirk - Public Notice
Attachments: 9002-3 Rec.pdf; 9002-3 Ltr.pdf; 9002-3 PubNotice.pdf; American News Info.pdf

Good morning,

Attached is a copy of the report, acting chief engineer's recommendation, and information regarding the public notice for your water permit application. As stated in the letter, please contact the paper(s) as soon as possible to authorize publication and arrange for payment. This information is also being mailed to you today.

Let me know if you have questions. Please confirm receipt of this email.

Thank you,

Rachel Rodriguez
DANR | Program Assistant
Rachel.Rodriguez@state.sd.us





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August 6, 2026

Matthew Van Buskirk
18892 390th Avenue
Hitchcock SD 57348

Dear Mr. Van Buskirk:

Enclosed are Water Permit Nos. 9001-3, 9002-3 and 9003-3 authorizing construction of your water diversion systems and beneficial use of the water, not exceeding the limits as specified in the Water Permits.

Form 10's, *Notice of Completion of Works and Application of Water to Beneficial Use*, are enclosed. Please return the completed forms after you have finished the systems and have put the water to beneficial use. An investigation can then be scheduled so the water licenses may be issued, thus completing the acquisition of a water right.

An informational sheet ? *Common Water Right Questions?* is also enclosed. This sheet is intended to answer some of the questions associated with obtaining and keeping a water right.

Sincerely,

Adam Mathiowetz, PE
Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program
Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

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Pursuant to SDCL § 46-2A-4, public notice of the following application was posted on the DANR web site at <https://danr.sd.gov/public>. The posted public notice is the same notice as published in the pertinent newspaper(s) and a copy of the public notice is maintained in the application file. If the application is contested, the posting is moved to the DANR contested case website at <https://danr.sd.gov/public/ContestedCase.aspx> until final action is taken on the application pursuant to SDCL § 46-2A-4.

Application No.: 9002-3

Name of Applicant: Matthew Van Buskirk

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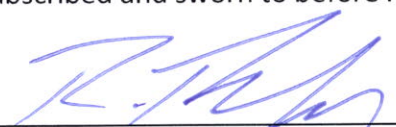
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Amanda Dewell, Permitting Administrator

8/6/2026

Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public, this 6th day of Aug, 2026.


Notary Public - South Dakota
My commission expires: **Rachel Rodriguez
My Commission Expires
May 16, 2029**



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