

# WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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Chris L. Wheeler,  
State Engineer,  
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Att: Max F. Rogers, Deputy

Dear Mr. Rogers:

*No Ferrare  
and not in  
R-27*

I am enclosing the map we discussed in our telephone conversation last week. The upper diversion F-45 (NE SW Sec 23) is in operation. S-90 so far as I am able to determine has never been used. R-27 has two pumps, one owned by Mr. Ferrare which has not been used since transfer F-45 was made. The other is owned by Mr. Booth. The actual diversion is a short distance from the point described in R-27. I feel that is near enough so as not to cause any trouble.

R-55 location is shown on the map as the point described in R-55. So far as I know, there has never been a pumping plant at this point. C-119 has not been involved thus far, however, I included it on the map to show the location of the 3 acres of 1858 water right.

I feel that R-55 is the transfer that we are having trouble with. It is not being diverted at the proper point, if at all. R-55 claims all of the 111 acres on the west side of the creek, while the decree calls for it on both sides thru both ditches. It is my understanding from the people on the east side of the creek that they have a right to this supplemental water and always have. According to R-55 they do not. Mr. Lewman has claimed that at the time of the adjudication proceedings this was meant to be 111 acres of water over and above the 195 acres of 1858. I have told him that according to the decree this is not correct.

*Decree is both*

I would appreciate your suggestions as to how I should handle this matter. If I wait until water season and disallow water through the Little Williams ditch on the strength of transfer R-55, I am afraid it would cause considerable disturbance. On the other hand, should I enter into this matter on the strength of what I know of it and say that Mr. Richards in R-55 is wrong when I cannot prove it. It seems to me that something should be done before it is time to irrigate, and I am not sure just how to approach this matter.

Very truly yours,

*Robert B. Steimer*

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Watermaster, District #14

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