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April 16, 2013

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Mr. Kevin Wells, General Manager
Vera Water & Power
601 North Evergreen
Veradale, Washington 99037

Re: Applications for Change to Ground Water Certificates Nos. 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 896-D, 995-D and 626-A

Dear Mr. Wells:

The Department of Ecology has received a letter dated April 11, 2013 from Mr. Joseph G. Carroll (your representative) in which the Board of Directors of Vera Water & Power have determined that they would like to withdraw all of the above referenced applications.

Therefore, based on this request, the Applications for Change to Ground Water Certificates 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 896-D, 995-D and 626-A are all hereby **REJECTED**.

If you have any questions, please call me at 509-329-3566.

Sincerely,

Gene Drury
Water Resources Program
Eastern Regional Office

GD:md

cc: Joseph G. Carroll, P.S., 12929 East Sprague Ave, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

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April 11, 2013

Mr. Gene Drury
Water Resources Program
Washington State Department of Ecology
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

RE: Vera Water and Power Pending Applications for Change on Water Rights 709D, 710D, 711D, 896D, 626A and 995D

Dear Gene:

As you are aware, I represent Vera Water and Power.

At its April 2013 Board of Directors meeting, the Board of Directors of Vera Water and Power determined that they would like to withdraw all applications for change on Vera's water rights 709D, 710D, 711D, 896D, 626A and 995D. I believe that those are all the pending change applications. If I am incorrect in that assumption, please advise.

The management and Board of Directors of Vera Water and Power asked me to also express their appreciation for your processing the applications for change to date; however, they desire that the applications be withdrawn at this time.

Thank you for your assistance on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH G. CARROLL

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JGC:mrb

cc: Mr. Kevin Wells, General Manager, Vera Water and Power

Drury, Gene E. (ECY)

From: Drury, Gene E. (ECY)
Sent: Monday, March 18, 2013 11:41 AM
To: 'jgcarroll@qwestoffice.net'
Subject: Vera

Joe, here's the information I have on the water use and well information for Vera. Please send me any updates and I will make the changes to my reports...
Thanks,

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VERA WATER & POWER - WATER PUMPED

YEAR	GALLONS	ACRE-FEET
2008	2,863,853,187	8,789
2009	3,054,246,664	9,373
2010	2,659,087,866	8,160
2011	2,698,118,254	8,280
2012	?	?

VERA WATER & POWER – WELL INFORMATION

PARAMETER	WELL #1	WELL #21	WELL #22	WELL #3	WELL #33
Unique Well ID#	AHC736	AAL532	AAL533	No tag	AHC733
Year drilled	1908	1994	1994	1949	1994
Depth	156'	265'	265'	175'	257'
Diameter	?	20"	20"	?	20"
Casing	135'	211'	211'	?	210'
SWL	112'	96'	96'	142'	142'
Well head elevation	2045'	2309'	2039'	2085'	2085'
GPM	3,000	3,000	2,500	5,000	800
Pump HP	(2) pumps; 350 & 75	300	250	(2) pumps; 150 ea.	100
Pump Type	Vertical Turbine	VT	VT	VT	VT

PARAMETER	WELL #4	WELL #5	WELL #6	WELL #7	WELL #8	WELL #9
Unique Well ID#	AHC731	ABR212	ABR588	AHC735	AHC730	ABR213
Year drilled	?	1950	1968	1967	?	?
Depth	160.5'	176'	160'	96'	210'	240'
Diameter	6'	?	24"	5'	20"	20"
Casing	?	150'	134'	92'	165'	190'
SWL	123'	143'	74'	77'	98'	98'
Well head elevation	2060'	2082'	2015'	2038'	2038'	2038'
GPM	1,200	2,000	4,000	---	3,800	3,300
Pump HP	150	250	500	---	400	400
Pump Type	VT	VT	VT	No pump	VT	VT

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April 10, 2008

Mr. Gene Drury
Washington State Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
4601 N. Monroe St.
Spokane, WA 99205

RE: Vera Water and Power's Water Rights

Dear Gene:

This will confirm our telephone conversation on April 10, 2008.

The issue of Vera's pending applications for transfer of water rights was discussed at Vera's Board of Directors meeting on April 9, 2008.

Vera would like to review its own records. I anticipate recontacting you on the matter in approximately two months.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH G. CARROLL

JGC:mrb

cc: Mr. Kevin Wells, General Manager, Vera Water and Power

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MEMORANDUM
WA State Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office

Date: April 10, 2008

TO: VERA WATER & POWER - Water Right Change Files

FROM: Gene Drury - ERO/WR

SUBJECT: Vera Water Rights Total

The water rights currently held by Vera Water and Power are as follows: Ground Water Certificates Nos. 896-D, 995-D, 626-A, 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 712-D, 713-D, 5471-A, 6672-A and G3-27084C. In 2004, Vera received authorization from the Water Resources Program to change Certificates 712-D, 713-D, 5471-A, 6672-A and G3-27084C. Vera is currently authorized to withdraw water from all existing eleven wells for municipal supply purposes under these rights. The total annual quantity is limited to 10081 acre-feet per year (af/yr). The remaining certificates currently have pending change applications on file with Water Resources.

Meetings were held on December 18, 2007 and January 15, 2008 with Joe Carroll, attorney for Vera Water & Power, at the Eastern Regional Office in Spokane. Mr. Carroll inquired about the possibility of additional acre-feet being available under the remaining existing water rights held by Vera.

Under the old Declarations filed by Vera, the water use was identified as domestic, industrial, fire protection and irrigation. Certificates issued in the amounts of 8333 af/yr for irrigation, 448 af/yr for domestic and 112 af/yr for industrial use. The total annual amount authorized was 8893 af/yr under these Declarations. In 1966, Vera received approval to change the purpose of use under Ground Water Certificate No. 713-D through Change Vol. 2, Page 897. This change authorized Vera to change the purpose of use to "municipal supply". The change authorized a total annual amount of 8893 acre-feet per year, less any amount withdrawn under Ground Water Certificates Nos. 709-D, 710-D, 711-D and 712-D. In 1985, Ground Water Certificate No. 712-D was changed through Certificate of Change No. 1-3-445. This change also authorized Vera to change the purpose of use to "municipal supply". The change contained the same provision as 713-D in that the total annual amount is limited to 8893 acre-feet per year, less any amount withdrawn under Declarations. Based on the changes made in purpose of use under these rights and the provision limiting them to 8893 af/yr, there does not appear to be additional water available for change under the remaining Declarations 709-D, 710-D and 711-D.

Mr. Carroll asked about increasing the 10081 af/yr limitation through Ground Water Certificates 5471-A and 6672-A. He thought maybe there was additional water available under these two rights. When Ground Water Certificate G3-27084C was issued, all municipal water rights were limited to a total annual quantity of 10081 af/yr. Certificates 5471-A and 6672-A were specifically issued for municipal supply purposes. The Report of Examination for G3-27084C listed the following as rights held by Vera: Certificates Nos. 626-A, 995-A 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 712-D, 713-D, 5471-A, 6672-A and G3-27084C. It appears that at the time the report was written, the majority of water used by Vera was for municipal supply purposes as defined under RCW 90.03.015(4). Based on this, there would not be any additional water available under 5471-A and 6672-A. The only water right not listed in the Report of Examination for G3-27084C was Ground Water Certificate 896-D. There may be some water available for change under this right (up to 365 af/yr) but we would have to evaluate it. If this amount could be added to the existing Vera rights, it would bring the total annual quantity up to 10446 af/yr.

Ground Water Certificates 626-A and 995-D were limited to a combined total of 213 af/yr for the same lands, 58 acres of irrigation and domestic supply of 10 homes. The original place of use of these rights has now been developed into homes. There is also a church and baseball fields within the place of use. The water under these two rights is now being used for municipal supply purposes. It appears that Certificate G3-27084C recognized this and included Certificates 626-A and 995-D in the annual limitation of 10081 af/yr. Therefore, there would not be any additional water available for change under 626-A and 995-D to be added to the Vera municipal supply total.

In summary, of the remaining seven change applications, it appears that only one (896-D) may have additional water to be added to Vera's annual total of 10081 af/yr. I informed Mr. Carroll of my findings and he said he would discuss them with Vera. He said they would like more time to review this and would get back to us in about two months on whether to precede with the pending change applications.

GD: kla

Cc: File

Gallons Pumped by month for all Wells

	2007	Base Use	Irrigation Use
Jan	80,409,300	80,409,300	0
Feb	79,778,160	79,778,160	0
March	90,146,072	90,146,072	0
April	171,554,984	87,097,068	84,457,916
May	360,494,024	87,097,068	273,396,956
June	478,163,502	87,097,068	391,066,434
July	549,639,672	87,097,068	462,542,604
Aug	668,956,431	87,097,068	581,859,363
Sep	428,361,120	87,097,068	341,264,052
Oct	176,159,184	87,097,068	89,062,116
Nov	91,841,808	91,841,808	0
Dec (Estimated)	93,310,000	93,310,000	0
	3,268,814,257	**1,045,164,816**	**2,223,649,441**
		31.97%	**68.03%**

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	2006	Base Use	Irrigation Use
Jan	95,275,000	95,275,000	0
Feb	69,719,000	69,719,000	0
March	54,134,000	54,134,000	0
April	122,931,000	83,987,600	38,943,400
May	344,899,464	83,987,600	260,911,864
June	298,739,000	83,987,600	214,751,400
July	635,903,182	83,987,600	551,915,582
Aug	764,801,864	83,987,600	680,814,264
Sep	437,071,378	83,987,600	353,083,778
Oct	214,126,271	83,987,600	130,138,671
Nov	107,500,000	107,500,000	0
Dec	93,310,000	93,310,000	0
	3,238,410,159	**1,007,851,200**	**2,230,558,959**
		31.12%	**68.88%**

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REC'D TODAY FROM JOE CARROLL MEETING W/DRURY @ ERO

	2005	Base Use	Irrigation Use
Jan	77,128,799	77,128,799	0
Feb	73,412,234	73,412,234	0
March	58,754,067	58,754,067	0
April	122,107,682	73,511,820	48,595,862
May	108,068,650	73,511,820	34,556,830
June	350,430,400	73,511,820	276,918,580
July	439,809,200	73,511,820	366,297,380
Aug	547,367,360	73,511,820	473,855,540
Sep	323,598,628	73,511,820	250,086,808
Oct	122,933,200	73,511,820	49,421,380
Nov	75,404,000	75,404,000	0
Dec	82,860,000	82,860,000	0
	2,381,874,220	**882,141,840**	**1,499,732,380**
		37.04%	**62.96%**

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October 26, 2004

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Mr. Kevin M. Wells, General Manager
Vera Water & Power
601 North Evergreen
P.O. Box 630
Veradale, Washington 99037-0630

Dear Mr. Wells:

Re: Applications for Change/Transfer under Ground Water Certificates Nos. 626-A, 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 896-D and 995-D

As we discussed in our September 29, 2004 meeting, I am unable to continue processing your applications for change/transfer on the above referenced water rights. The above certificates were partially issued for agricultural irrigation use and at the time you were unable to provide information regarding water use for this purpose. We agreed to put these applications on hold until you could obtain more information regarding irrigated lands within the Vera service area.

At this time, we will skip the above referenced applications until you can provide the additional information. We will continue to proceed with processing your other applications in the area which were issued for municipal water supply purposes.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please call me at (509) 329-3566.

Sincerely,

Gene Drury
Water Resources Program
Eastern Regional Office

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Description of proposal: Vera Water & Power proposes "consolidation of water rights" under applications for changes currently filed with the Department of Ecology. The applications include integration of existing wells, additional points of withdrawal, correct the location of existing wells, change purpose of use to "municipal supply" and change place of use to "area served by Vera Water & Power". The water rights proposed for change are recorded under Ground Water Certificates Nos. 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 712-D(with certificate of change 1-3-445), 713-D(with certificate of change 897), 896-D, 995-A, 626-A, 5471-A, 6672 and G3-27084C. No withdrawal of water over and above what has been historically put to beneficial use and/or originally authorized under existing rights is being requested through these applications.

Proponent: Vera Water & Power
601 N. Evergreen Road
P.O. Box 630
Veradale, WA 99037-0630

Location of proposal, including street address if any: Veradale, WA. The existing municipal wells are located as follows:

#1)NE¼SE¼, Sec. 15; #21) & #22)both in NE¼SE¼, Sec. 14; #3) & #33)both in SE¼SE¼, Sec. 22; #4)NE¼SW¼, Sec. 26; #5)NW¼NW¼, Sec. 26; #6)SE¼NE¼, Sec. 22; #7)NE¼NW¼, Sec. 23; #8) & #9)both in NE¼SE¼, Sec. 23; ALL IN T. 25 N., R. 44 E.W.M. Any new sources are proposed to be constructed within the existing authorized legal descriptions as allowed under RCW 90.44.100

Lead agency: Washington State Department of Ecology

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☒ **There is no comment period for this DNS.**

☐ **This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 15 days from the date below.**
Comments must be submitted by _____

Responsible official: Keith Stoffel
Position/title: Section Manager, Water Resources Program, Department of Ecology, ERO
Address: N. 4601 Monroe, Spokane, WA 99205 **Phone:** (509) 329-3464

Date 10/20/04 Keith Stoffel **Signature**

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October 4, 2004

Mr. Gene Drury
Washington State Department of Ecology
Water Resources Program
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Re: Water Right Consolidation

Dear Gene:

Enclosed is the copy of the SEPA checklist that you needed to proceed with our application.

If there is anything else I can do to assist with this proposal, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Vera Water and Power

Kevin M. Wells
General Manager

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WAC 197-11-960 Environmental checklist.

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

Purpose of checklist:

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), chapter 43.21C RCW, requires all governmental agencies to consider the environmental impacts of a proposal before making decisions. An environmental impact statement (EIS) must be prepared for all proposals with probable significant adverse impacts on the quality of the environment. The purpose of this checklist is to provide information to help you and the agency identify impacts from your proposal (and to reduce or avoid impacts from the proposal, if it can be done) and to help the agency decide whether an EIS is required.

Instructions for applicants:

This environmental checklist asks you to describe some basic information about your proposal. Governmental agencies use this checklist to determine whether the environmental impacts of your proposal are significant, requiring preparation of an EIS. Answer the questions briefly, with the most precise information known, or give the best description you can.

You must answer each question accurately and carefully, to the best of your knowledge. In most cases, you should be able to answer the questions from your own observations or project plans without the need to hire experts. If you really do not know the answer, or if a question does not apply to your proposal, write "do not know" or "does not apply." Complete answers to the questions now may avoid unnecessary delays later.

Some questions ask about governmental regulations, such as zoning, shoreline, and landmark designations. Answer these questions if you can. If you have problems, the governmental agencies can assist you.

The checklist questions apply to all parts of your proposal, even if you plan to do them over a period of time or on different parcels of land. Attach any additional information that will help describe your proposal or its environmental effects. The agency to which you submit this checklist may ask you to explain your answers or provide additional information reasonably related to determining if there may be significant adverse impact.

Use of checklist for nonproject proposals:

Complete this checklist for nonproject proposals, even though questions may be answered "does not apply." IN ADDITION, complete the SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS (part D).

For nonproject actions, the references in the checklist to the words "project," "applicant," and "property or site" should be read as "proposal," "proposer," and "affected geographic area," respectively.

A. BACKGROUND

1. Name of proposed project, if applicable: **Consolidation of Water Rights**

2. Name of applicant: **Vera Irrigation District No. 15 (District)**

3. Address and phone number of applicant and contact person: **Kevin Wells**
P.O. Box 630
Veradale, WA 99037
509-924-3800

4. Date checklist prepared: **October 4, 2004**

5. Agency requesting checklist: **Washington State Department of Ecology**

6. Proposed timing or schedule (including phasing, if applicable): **Fall 2004**

7. Do you have any plans for future additions, expansion, or further activity related to or connected with this proposal? If yes, explain.

In addition to consolidation of the water rights, there is a question of existing agriculture use of water within the district. As a separate project, we will try to identify this use later in this year.

8. List any environmental information you know about that has been prepared, or will be prepared, directly related to this proposal.

Check lists have been prepared dealing with this issue in 1997 and earlier.

9. Do you know whether applications are pending for governmental approvals of other proposals directly affecting the property covered by your proposal? If yes, explain.

No

10. List any government approvals or permits that will be needed for your proposal, if known.

The Washington State Department of Ecology acts on the applications that have been filed regarding the consolidation of water rights..

11. Give brief, complete description of your proposal, including the proposed uses and the size of the project and site. There are several questions later in this checklist that ask you to describe certain aspects of your proposal. You do not need to repeat those answers on this page. (Lead agencies may modify this form to include additional specific information on project description.)

Vera Irrigation District has applied to the Washington State Department of Ecology to consolidate the Distric's water rights, identify current withdrawal rights and future plans.

12. Location of the proposal. Give sufficient information for a person to understand the precise location of your proposed project, including a street address, if any, and section, township, and range, if known. If a proposal would occur over a range of area, provide the range or boundaries of the site(s). Provide a legal description, site plan, vicinity map, and topographic map, if reasonably available. While you should submit any plans required by the agency, you are not required to duplicate maps or detailed plans submitted with any permit applications related to this checklist.

The water rights are for the area service by Vera Irrigation District No. 15.

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

EVALUATION FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

B. ENVIRONMENTAL ELEMENTS

1. **Earth**

a. General description of the site (circle one): Flat, rolling, hilly, steep slopes, mountainous, other . . . . . **Non-Project Action**

b. What is the steepest slope on the site (approximate percent slope)? **Non-Project Action.**

c. What general types of soils are found on the site (for example, clay, sand, gravel, peat, muck)? If you know the classification of agricultural soils, specify them and note any prime farmland.

Non-Project Action

d. Are there surface indications or history of unstable soils in the immediate vicinity? If so, describe.

No

e. Describe the purpose, type, and approximate quantities of any filling or grading proposed. Indicate source of fill.

None

f. Could erosion occur as a result of clearing, construction, or use? If so, generally describe.

No construction is planned.

g. About what percent of the site will be covered with impervious surfaces after project construction (for example, asphalt or buildings)?

No construction is planned.

h. Proposed measures to reduce or control erosion, or other impacts to the earth, if any:

No construction is planned.

2. **Air**

a. What types of emissions to the air would result from the proposal (i.e., dust, automobile, odors, industrial wood smoke) during construction and when the project is completed? If any, generally describe and give approximate quantities if known.

None.

b. Are there any off-site sources of emissions or odor that may affect your proposal? If so, generally describe.

No

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control emissions or other impacts to air, if any:

None Required.

3. **Water**

a. Surface:

1) Is there any surface water body on or in the immediate vicinity of the site (including year-round and seasonal streams, saltwater, lakes, ponds, wetlands)? If yes, describe type and provide names. If appropriate, state what stream or river it flows into.

No

2) Will the project require any work over, in, or adjacent to (within 200 feet) the described waters? If yes, please describe and attach available plans.

No

3) Estimate the amount of fill and dredge material that would be placed in or removed from surface water or wetlands and indicate the area of the site that would be affected. Indicate the source of fill material.

None

4) Will the proposal require surface water withdrawals or diversions? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

No

5) Does the proposal lie within a 100-year floodplain? If so, note location on the site plan.

No

6) Does the proposal involve any discharges of waste materials to surface waters? If so, describe the type of waste and anticipated volume of discharge.

No

b. Ground:

1) Will ground water be withdrawn, or will water be discharged to ground water? Give general description, purpose, and approximate quantities if known.

This application applies to the water that the District withdraws for use currently.

2) Describe waste material that will be discharged into the ground from septic tanks or other sources, if any (for example: Domestic sewage; industrial, containing the following chemicals. . . ; agricultural; etc.). Describe the general size of the system, the number of such systems, the number of houses to be served (if applicable), or the number of animals or humans the system(s) are expected to serve.

None

c. Water runoff (including stormwater):

1) Describe the source of runoff (including storm water) and method of collection and disposal, if any (include quantities, if known). Where will this water flow? Will this water flow into other waters? If so, describe.

None

2) Could waste materials enter ground or surface waters? If so, generally describe.

No

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control surface, ground, and runoff water impacts, if any:

None

4. **Plants**

a. Check or circle types of vegetation found on the site:

——— deciduous tree: alder, maple, aspen, other

——— evergreen tree: fir, cedar, pine, other

——— shrubs

——— grass

——— pasture

——— crop or grain

——— wet soil plants: cattail, buttercup, bullrush, skunk cabbage, other

——— water plants: water lily, eelgrass, milfoil, other

——— other types of vegetation

b. What kind and amount of vegetation will be removed or altered?

None

c. List threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

d. Proposed landscaping, use of native plants, or other measures to preserve or enhance vegetation on the site, if any:

None

5. **Animals**

a. Circle any birds and animals which have been observed on or near the site or are known to be on or near the site:

birds: hawk, heron, eagle, songbirds, other:
mammals: deer, bear, elk, beaver, other:
fish: bass, salmon, trout, herring, shellfish, other:

b. List any threatened or endangered species known to be on or near the site.

None

c. Is the site part of a migration route? If so, explain.

No

d. Proposed measures to preserve or enhance wildlife, if any:

None

6. **Energy and natural resources**

a. What kinds of energy (electric, natural gas, oil, wood stove, solar) will be used to meet the completed project's energy needs? Describe whether it will be used for heating, manufacturing, etc.

Not Applicable

b. Would your project affect the potential use of solar energy by adjacent properties? If so, generally describe.

Not Applicable

c. What kinds of energy conservation features are included in the plans of this proposal? List other proposed measures to reduce or control energy impacts, if any:

Not Applicable

7. **Environmental health**

a. Are there any environmental health hazards, including exposure to toxic chemicals, risk of fire and explosion, spill, or hazardous waste, that could occur as a result of this proposal? If so, describe.

Not Applicable

1) Describe special emergency services that might be required.

Not Applicable

2) Proposed measures to reduce or control environmental health hazards, if any:

None

b. **Noise**

1) What types of noise exist in the area which may affect your project (for example: traffic, equipment, operation, other)?

Not Applicable

2) What types and levels of noise would be created by or associated with the project on a short-term or a long-term basis (for example: traffic, construction, operation, other)? Indicate what hours noise would come from the site.

None

3) Proposed measures to reduce or control noise impacts, if any:

None

8. **Land and shoreline use**

a. What is the current use of the site and adjacent properties?

Non-Project Action

b. Has the site been used for agriculture? If so, describe.

No

c. Describe any structures on the site.

Not Applicable.

d. Will any structures be demolished? If so, what?

No

e. What is the current zoning classification of the site?

f. What is the current comprehensive plan designation of the site?

Non-Project Action.

g. If applicable, what is the current shoreline master program designation of the site?

None

h. Has any part of the site been classified as an "environmentally sensitive" area? If so, specify.

No

i. Approximately how many people would reside or work in the completed project?

None

j. Approximately how many people would the completed project displace?

None

k. Proposed measures to avoid or reduce displacement impacts, if any:

Not Required

l. Proposed measures to ensure the proposal is compatible with existing and projected land uses and plans, if any:

9. **Housing**

a. Approximately how many units would be provided, if any? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

b. Approximately how many units, if any, would be eliminated? Indicate whether high, middle, or low-income housing.

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control housing impacts, if any:

None

10. **Aesthetics**

a. What is the tallest height of any proposed structure(s), not including antennas; what is the principal exterior building material(s) proposed?

Not Applicable

b. What views in the immediate vicinity would be altered or obstructed?

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control aesthetic impacts, if any:

None

11. **Light and glare**

a. What type of light or glare will the proposal produce? What time of day would it mainly occur?

None

b. Could light or glare from the finished project be a safety hazard or interfere with views?

None

c. What existing off-site sources of light or glare may affect your proposal?

None

d. Proposed measures to reduce or control light and glare impacts, if any:

None

12. **Recreation**

a. What designated and informal recreational opportunities are in the immediate vicinity?

None

b. Would the proposed project displace any existing recreational uses? If so, describe.

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts on recreation, including recreation opportunities to be provided by the project or applicant, if any:

None

13. **Historic and cultural preservation**

a. Are there any places or objects listed on, or proposed for, national, state, or local preservation registers known to be on or next to the site? If so, generally describe.

No

b. Generally describe any landmarks or evidence of historic, archaeological, scientific, or cultural importance known to be on or next to the site.

None

c. Proposed measures to reduce or control impacts, if any:

Not Required

14. **Transportation**

a. Identify public streets and highways serving the site, and describe proposed access to the existing street system. Show on site plans, if any.

Not Applicable

b. Is site currently served by public transit? If not, what is the approximate distance to the nearest transit stop?

Not Applicable

c. How many parking spaces would the completed project have? How many would the project eliminate?

None

d. Will the proposal require any new roads or streets, or improvements to existing roads or streets, not including driveways? If so, generally describe (indicate whether public or private).

No

e. Will the project use (or occur in the immediate vicinity of) water, rail, or air transportation? If so, generally describe.

No

f. How many vehicular trips per day would be generated by the completed project? If known, indicate when peak volumes would occur.

None

g. Proposed measures to reduce or control transportation impacts, if any:

None

15. **Public services**

a. Would the project result in an increased need for public services (for example: fire protection, police protection, health care, schools, other)? If so, generally describe.

No

b. Proposed measures to reduce or control direct impacts on public services, if any.

None

16. **Utilities**

a. Circle utilities currently available at the site: electricity, natural gas, water, refuse service, telephone, sanitary sewer, septic system, other. Cable TV

b. Describe the utilities that are proposed for the project, the utility providing the service, and the general construction activities on the site or in the immediate vicinity which might be needed.

Non-Project Action.

C. SIGNATURE

The above answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the lead agency is relying on them to make its decision.

Signature: _____

Date Submitted: **October 4, 2004**

TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

EVALUATION FOR AGENCY USE ONLY

D. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET FOR NONPROJECT ACTIONS

(do not use this sheet for project actions)

Because these questions are very general, it may be helpful to read them in conjunction with the list of the elements of the environment.

When answering these questions, be aware of the extent the proposal, or the types of activities likely to result from the proposal, would affect the item at a greater intensity or at a faster rate than if the proposal were not implemented. Respond briefly and in general terms.

1. How would the proposal be likely to increase discharge to water; emissions to air; production, storage, or release of toxic or hazardous substances; or production of noise?

The proposal is to consolidate the existing water rights for the District, to define those rights and to identify future withdrawal points. No additional withdrawals are being requested at this time, only the identification of the existing rights.

As this is a non-project action, no environmental impacts from construction are contemplated. The future applications for well drilling or additional water withdrawals will require their own SEPA determinations.

Future action on the agricultural water rights of the district will be by separate application and environmental review.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce such increases are:

None

2. How would the proposal be likely to affect plants, animals, fish, or marine life?

No affect is anticipated.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve plants, animals, fish, or marine life are:

None

3. How would the proposal be likely to deplete energy or natural resources?

It would not.

Proposed measures to protect or conserve energy and natural resources are:

None

4. How would the proposal be likely to use or affect environmentally sensitive areas or areas designated (or eligible or under study) for governmental protection; such as parks, wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, threatened or endangered species habitat, historic or cultural sites, wetlands, floodplains, or prime farmlands?

It would not.

Proposed measures to protect such resources or to avoid or reduce impacts are:

None

5. How would the proposal be likely to affect land and shoreline use, including whether it would allow or encourage land or shoreline uses incompatible with existing plans?

It would not.

Proposed measures to avoid or reduce shoreline and land use impacts are:

None

6. How would the proposal be likely to increase demands on transportation or public services and utilities?

It would not.

Proposed measures to reduce or respond to such demand(s) are:

None

7. Identify, if possible, whether the proposal may conflict with local, state, or federal laws or requirements for the protection of the environment.

No conflicts are anticipated.

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VERA WATER & POWER 9/29/04
w/ Kevin Wells GJ.

#1 1 WELL (2) PUMPS VT PUMPS @ SHOP/OFFICE
FLOWMETERS - VAULTS 350 HP, 75 HP (3000 GPM)
AHC736 1908 100'
N. 47.66273 W. 117.21837 pics 1-3

#2 (#21, #22) 2 WELLS @ SULLIVAN
N. 47.66318, W. 117.19900
AAL 532 (300 HP) WELL #21
AAL 533 (250 HP) WELL #22 1946 Fairbanks-Morris
1992-93 MOVED TO THIS SITE pics 4-5
(SEE MARKER 001) SULLIVAN ROAD CONST.

#6 WELL #6) #ABR588 US MOTORS VT 500 HP pic 6,7
N. 47.65116, W. 117.21929 (4000 GPM)

#3 (#3, #33) (2) WELLS @ EVERGREEN & 16TH.
WELL 3 - N. 47.64247, W. 117.21832 pics 8,9,10
2 PUMPS - 170' SWL HAND DUG. (5,000 GPM)
150 HP EA. VT. GE NO TAG
WELL 33 N. 47.64265 W 117.21876 pic 11,12
AHC733 US MOTORS VT 100 HP (800 GPM)

#4 1 WELL - HAND DUG VT 150 HP US MOTORS (@ ADAMS & 24th)
AHC731 (1200 GPM)
N. 47.63496 W 117.20766 pics 13,14,15

VERA WATER + POWER

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#5 1 WELL @ 16TH AVE.
N. 47.64223 W. 117.21573
1 pump US MOTORS VT 350 HP (2000 GPM)
ABR 212 pics 16;17

#7 1 WELL @ 2ND & BEST NOT USED AT THIS TIME
No PUMP AHC 735 pic 18.19
N. 47.65503 W117.21238

#8 (2) WELLS @ 8th AVE pic #20
22,23,24 #8 WELL N. 47.64937 W. 117.19893
US MOTORS VT 400 HP (3300 GPM)
AHC 730

#9 WELL pic 20
1946 GE 400 HP # ABR 213
N 47.64923 W 117.19890

ALL WELLS METERED (DIGITAL TARGET FLOW METERS)
(5) RECORDERS.

1 NE SE 15

21 NE SE 14

22 NE SE 14

3 SE SE 22

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5 NW NW 26

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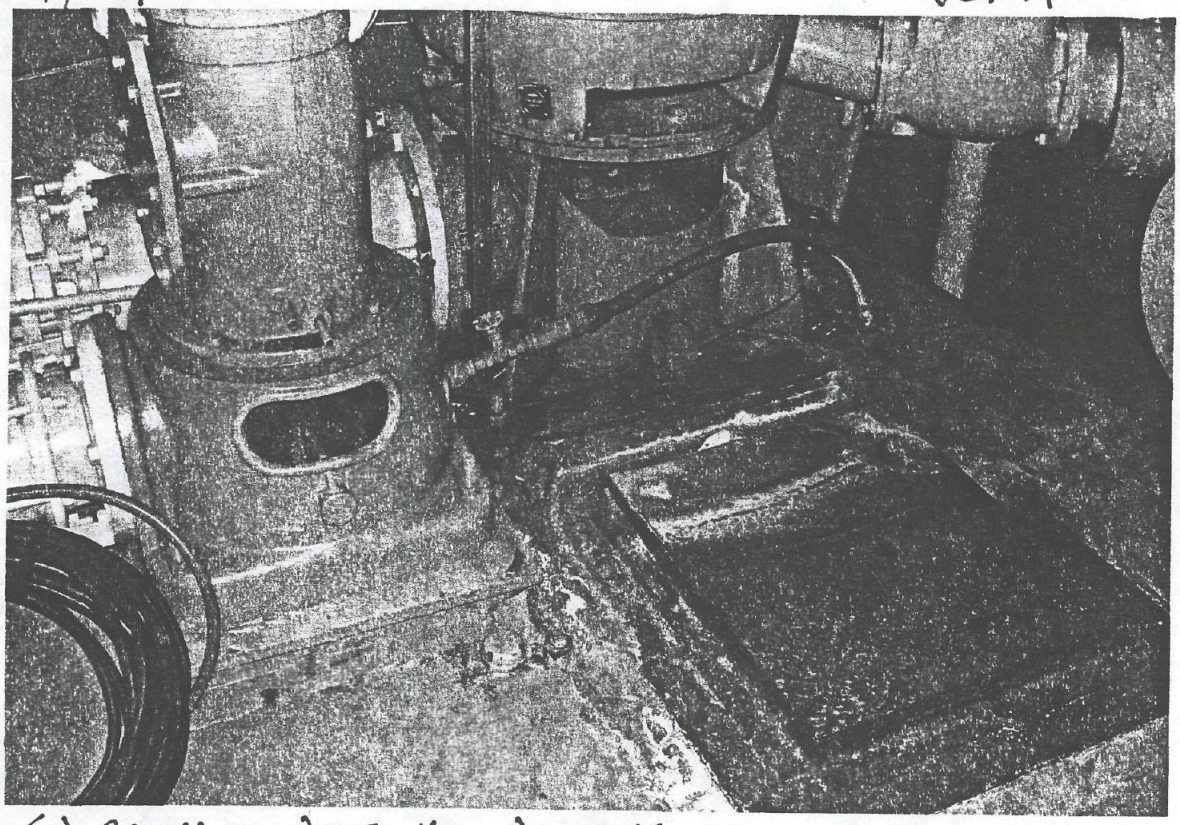

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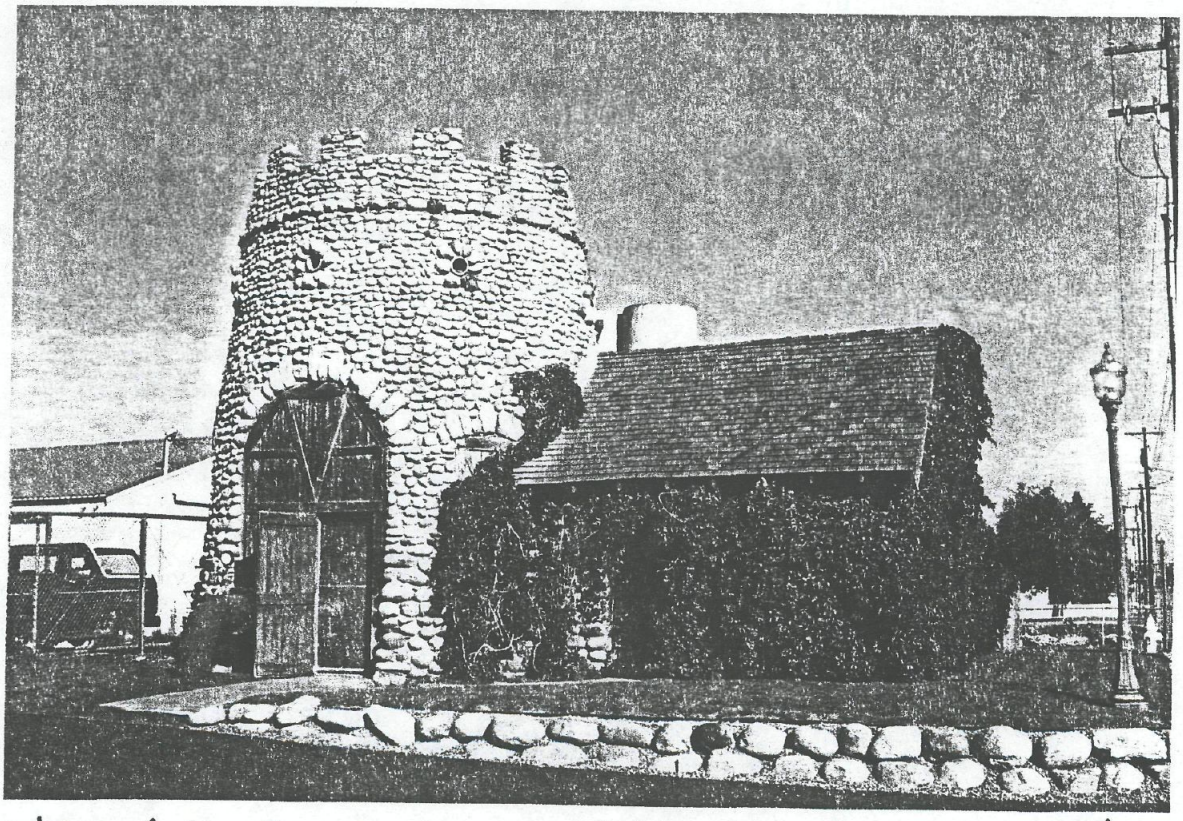

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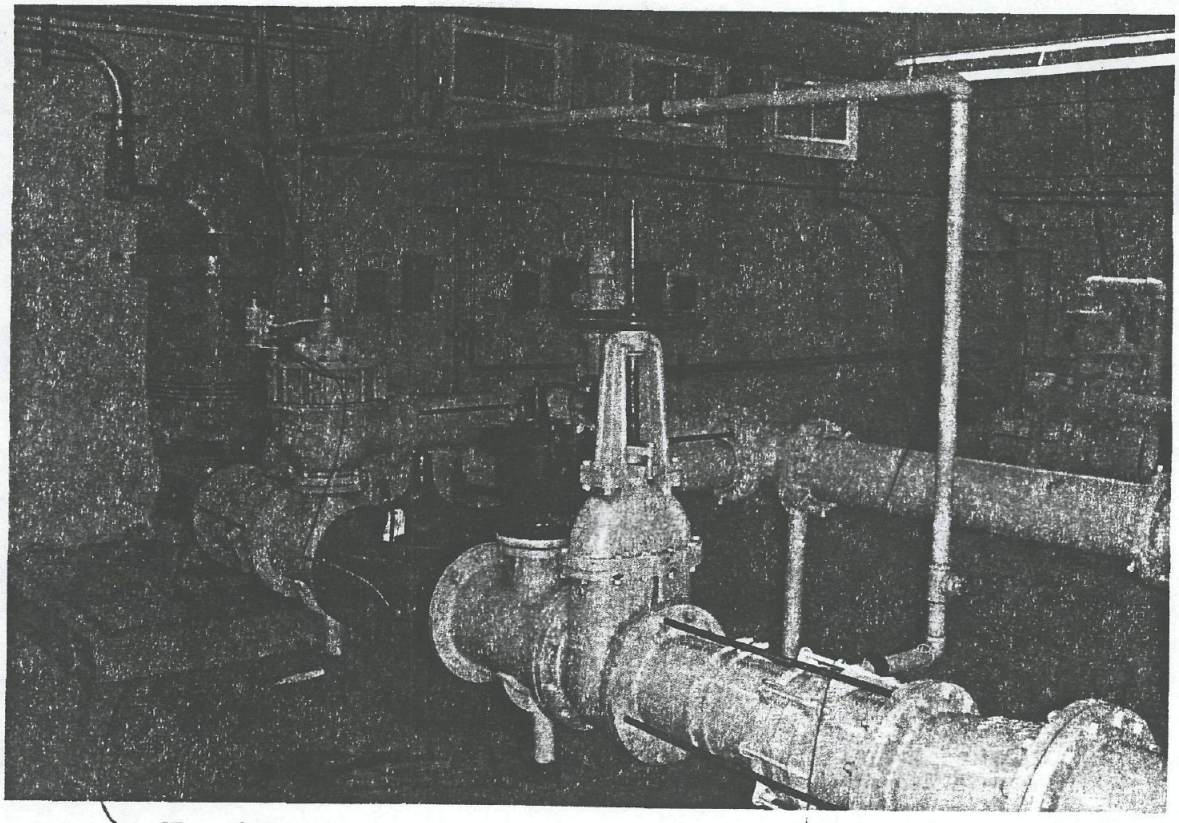

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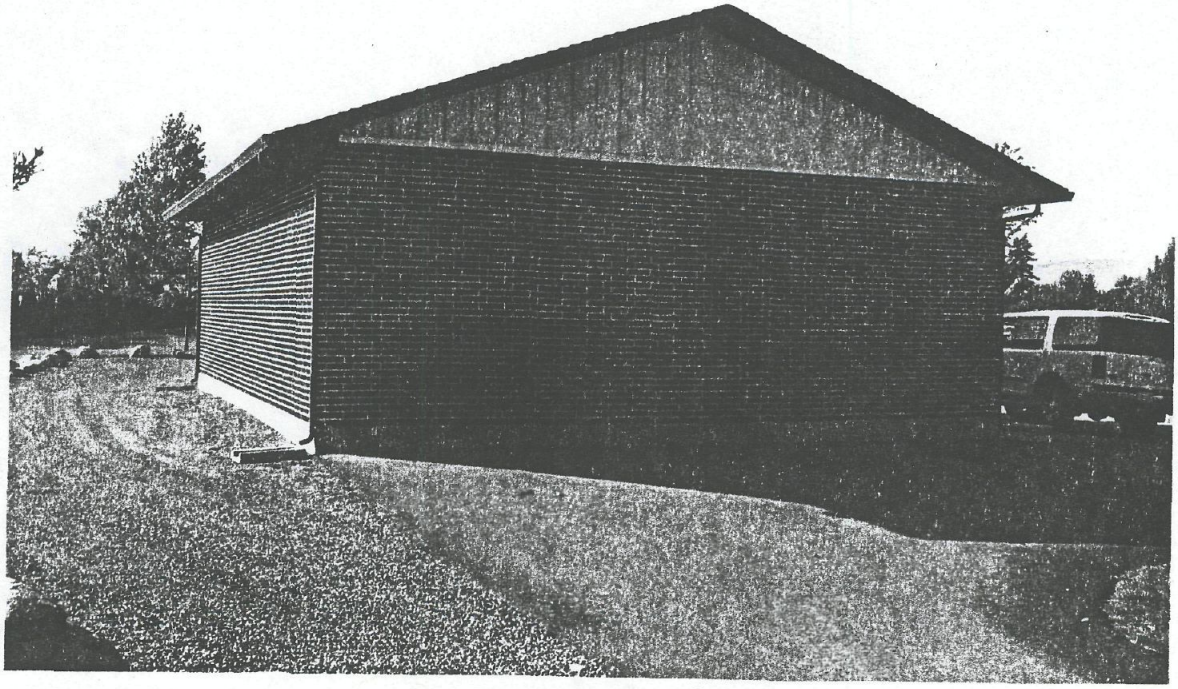

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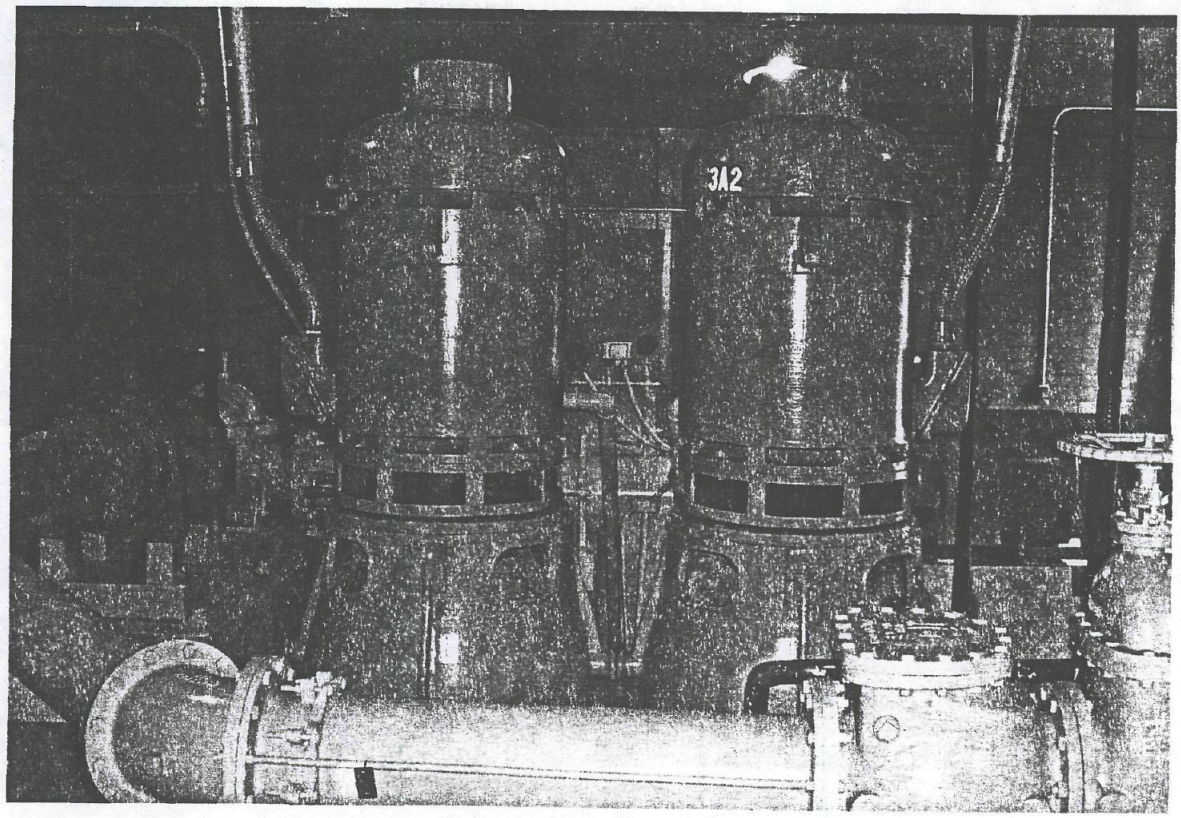

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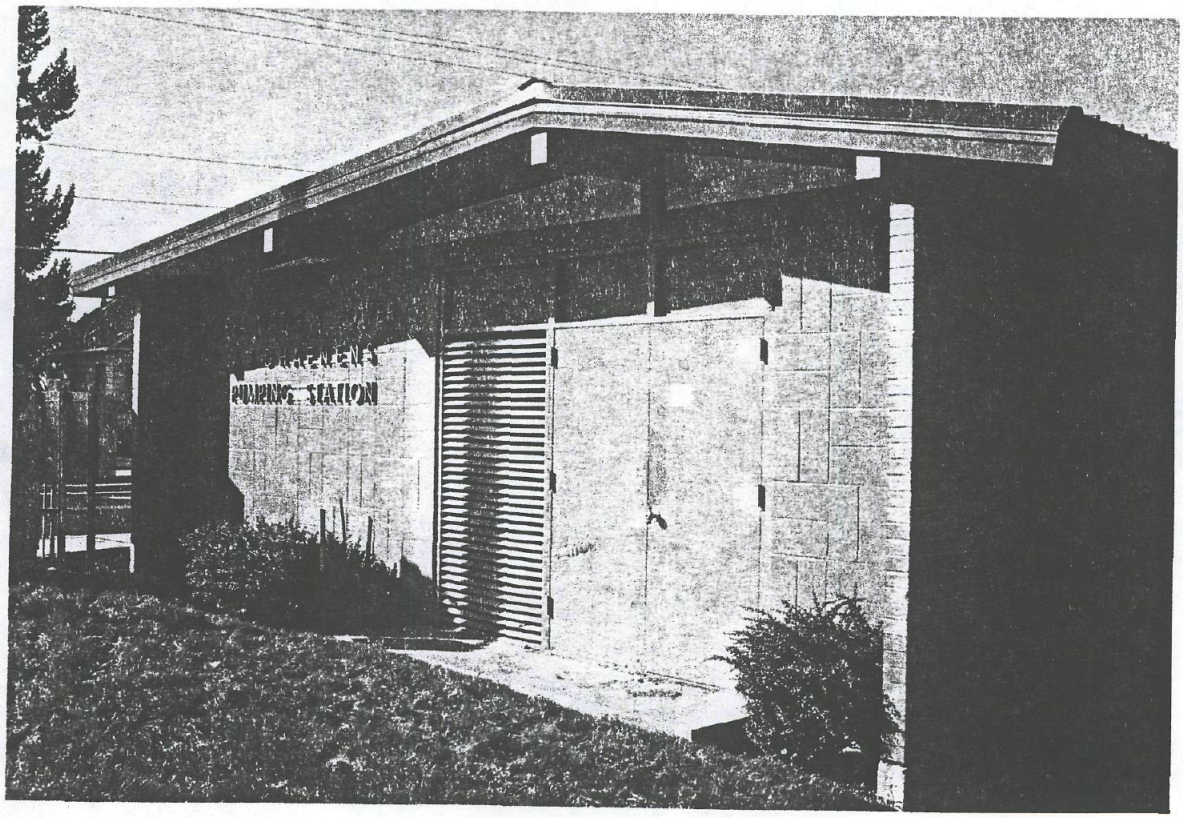

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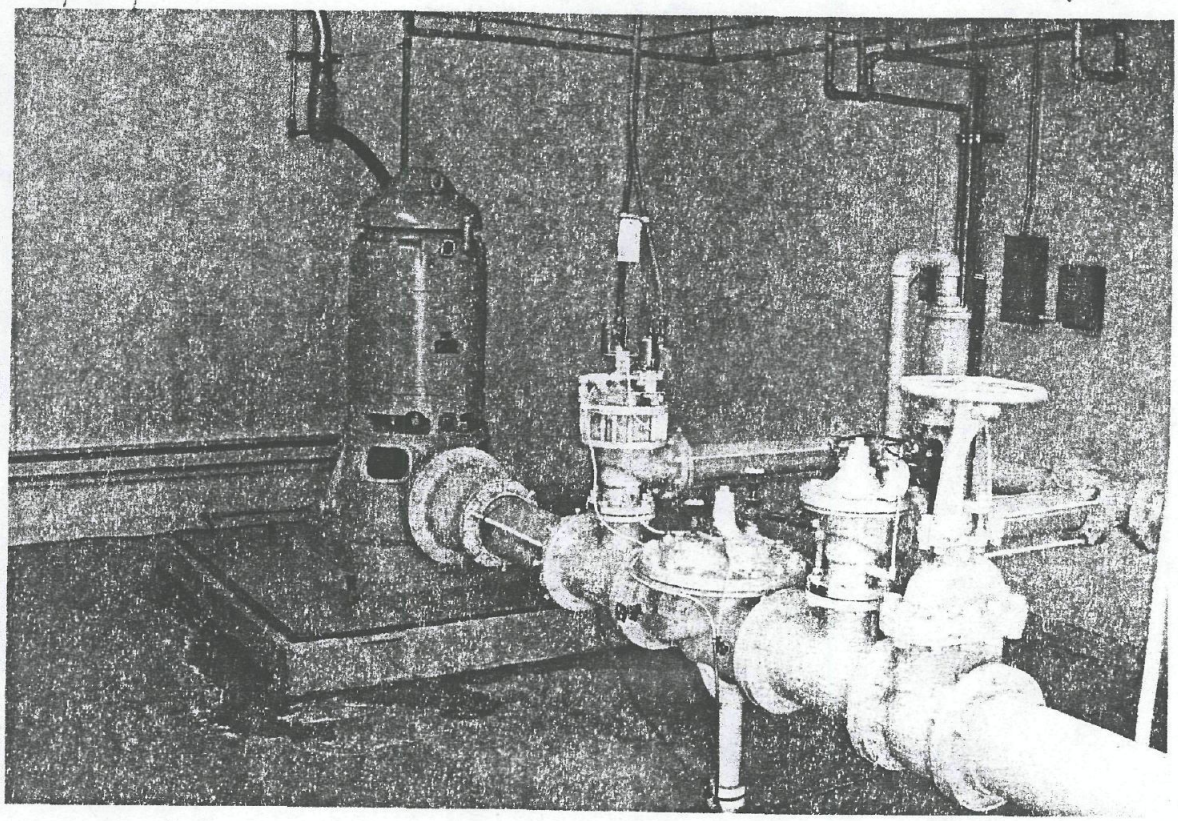

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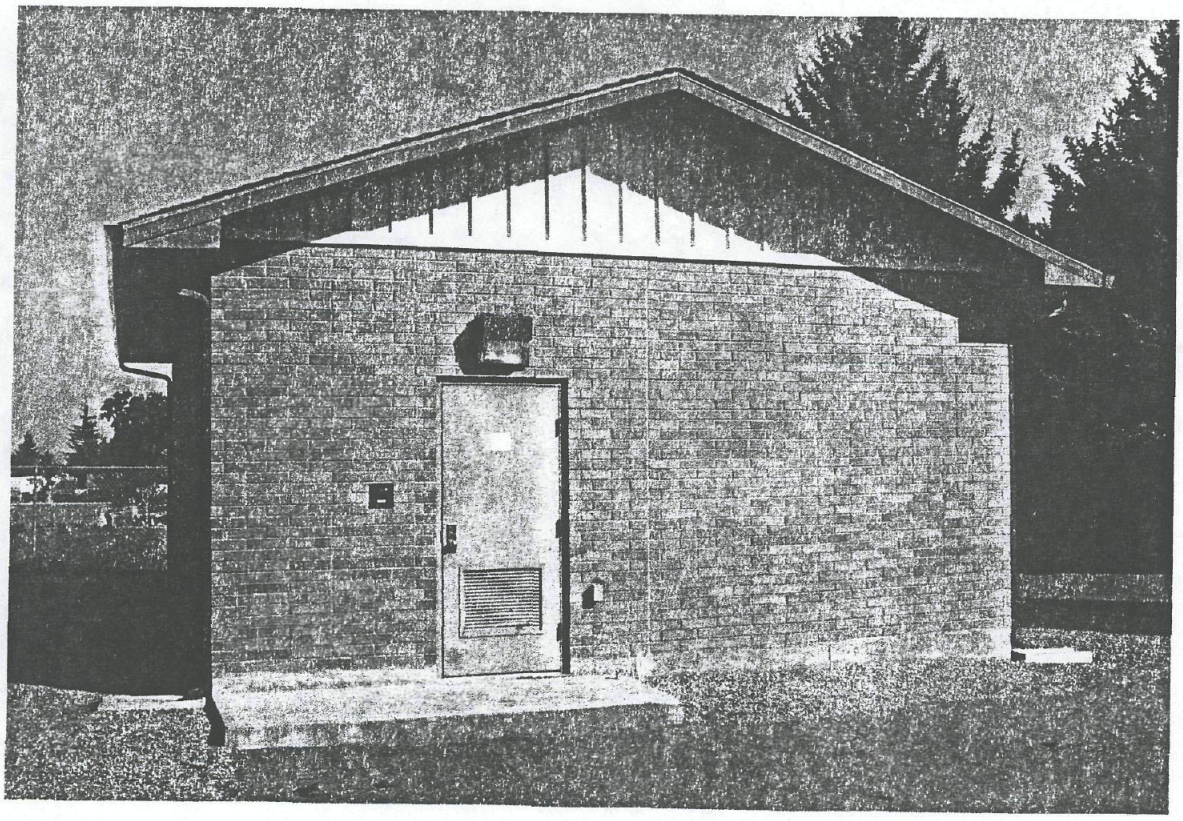

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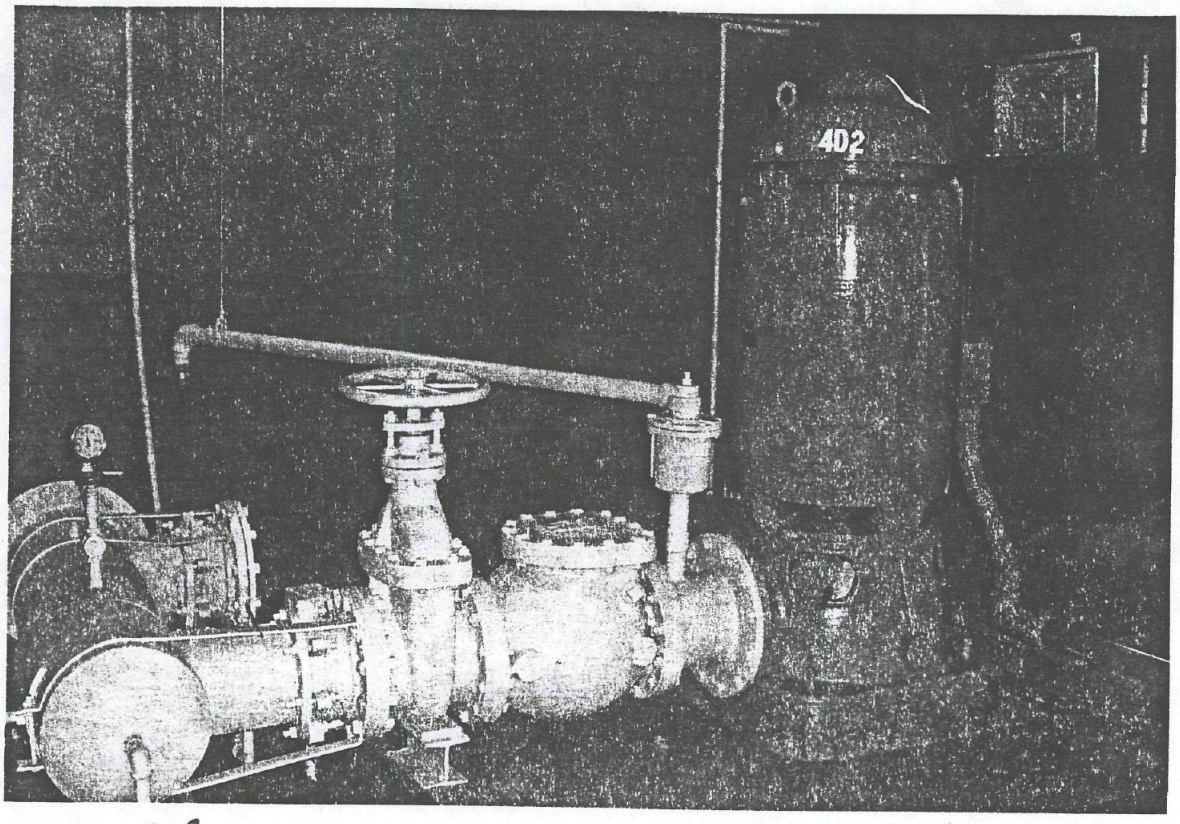

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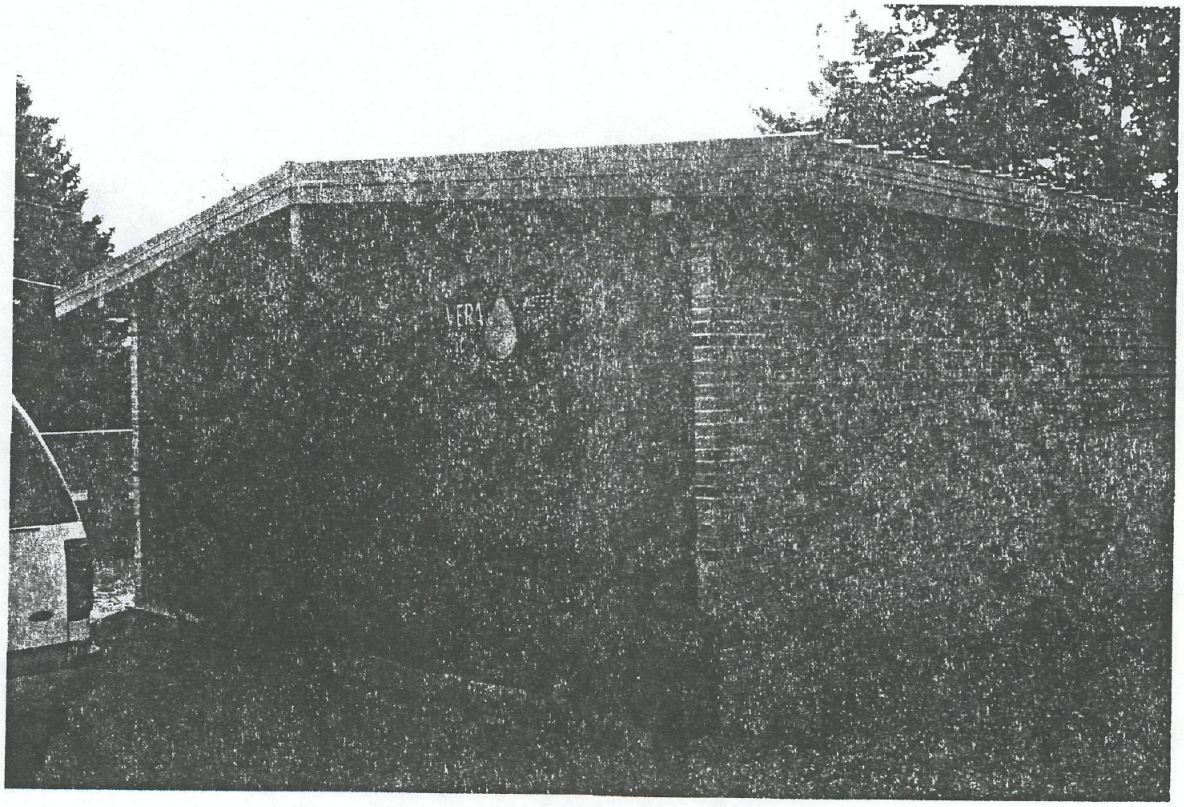

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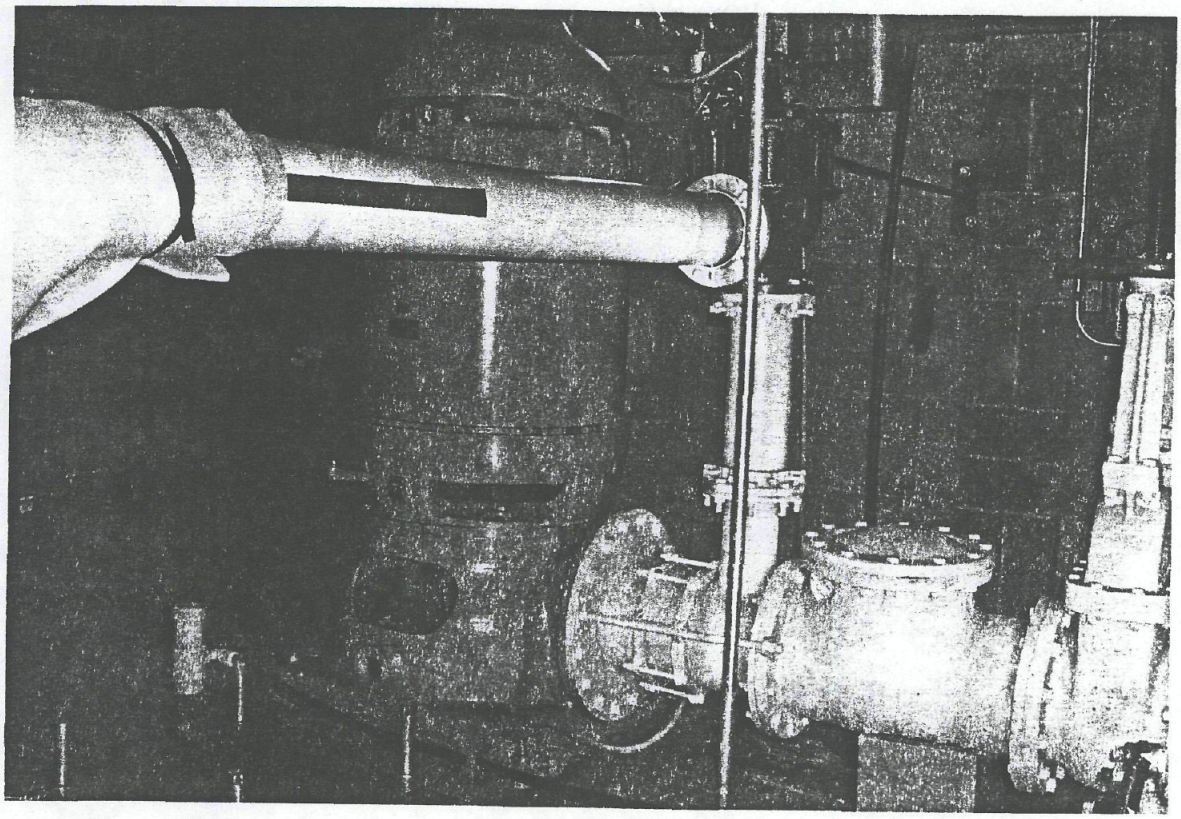

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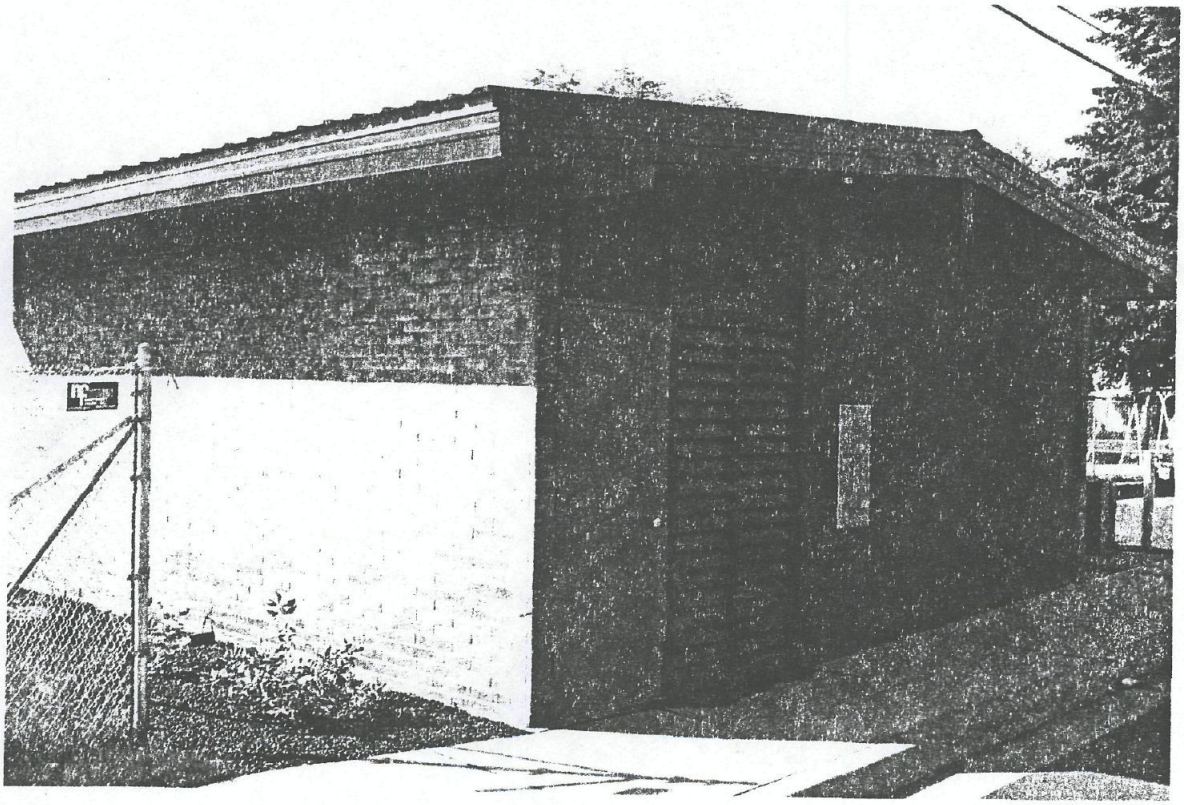

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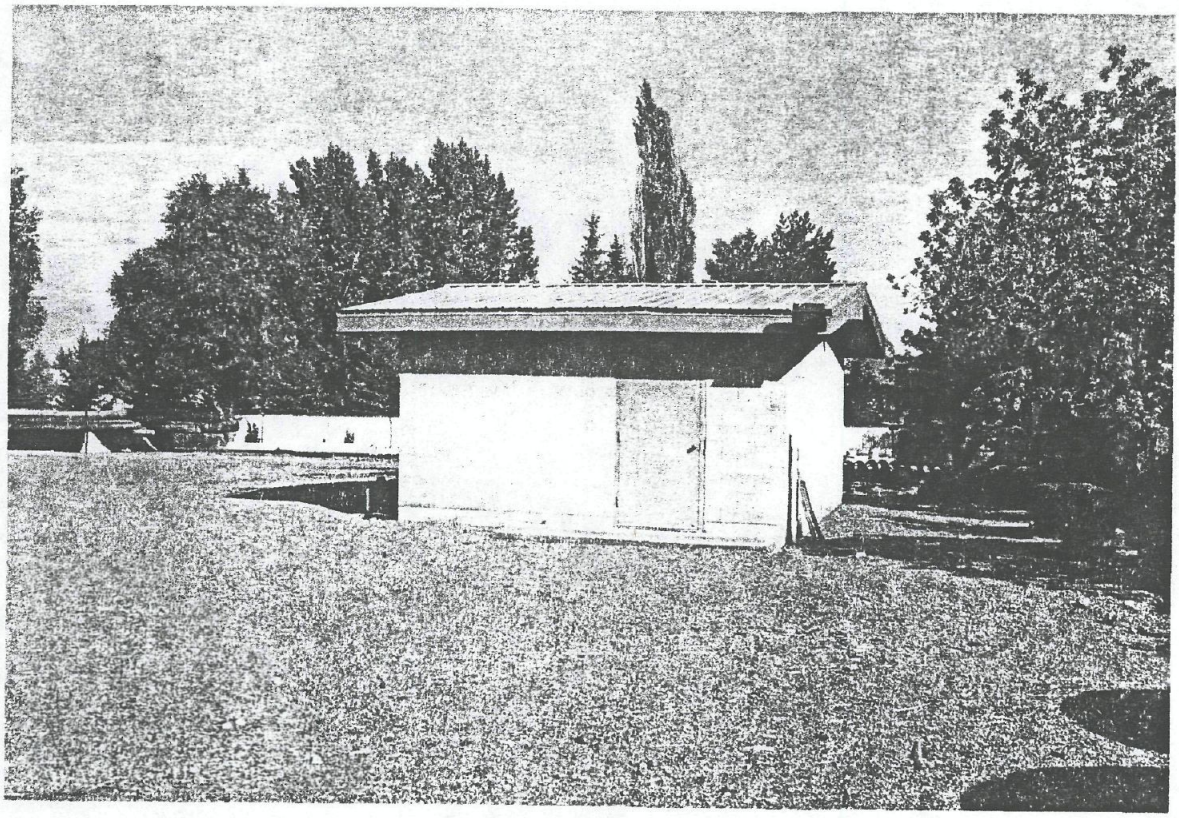

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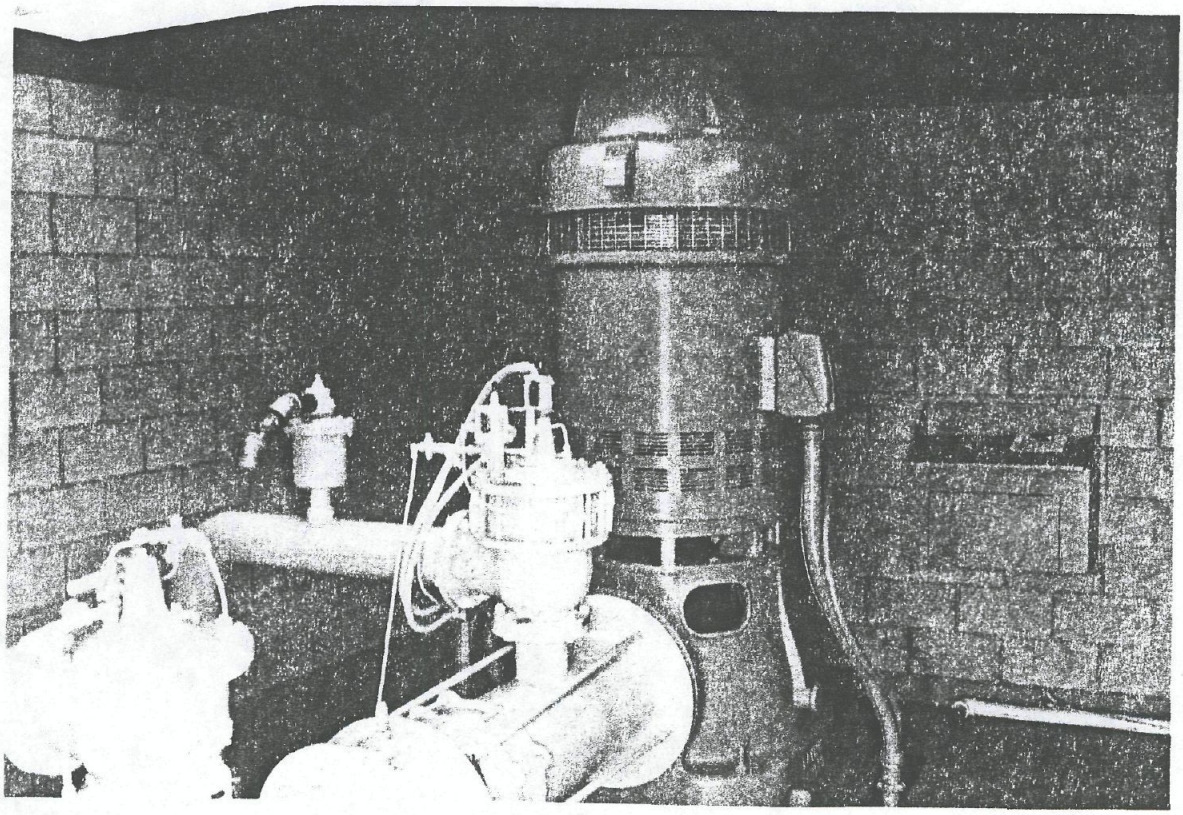

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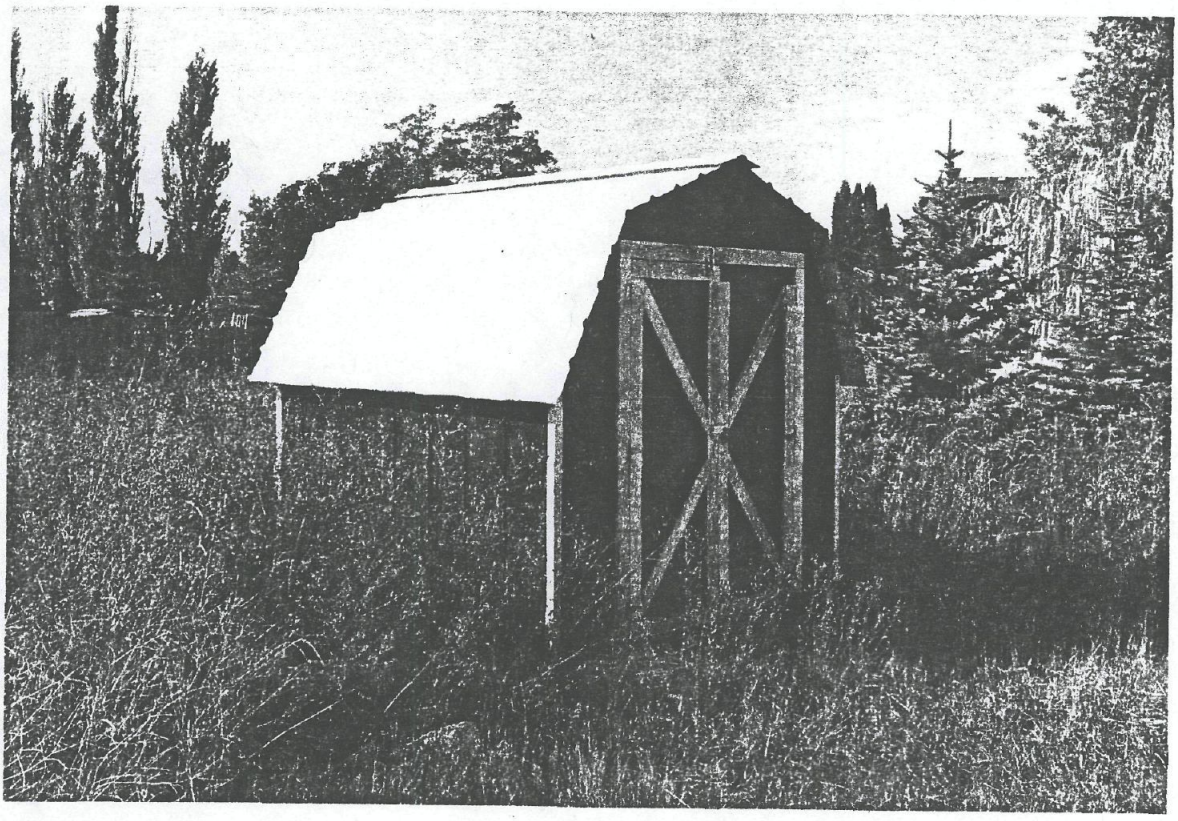

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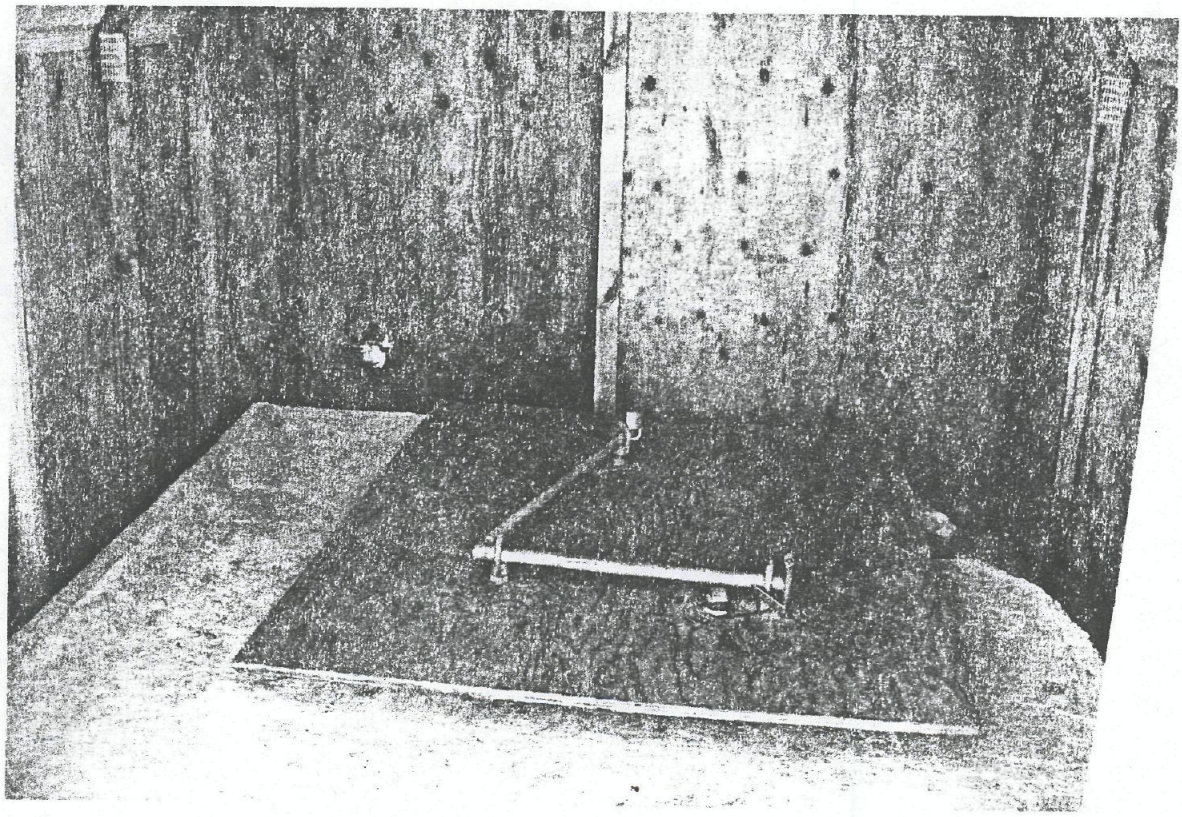

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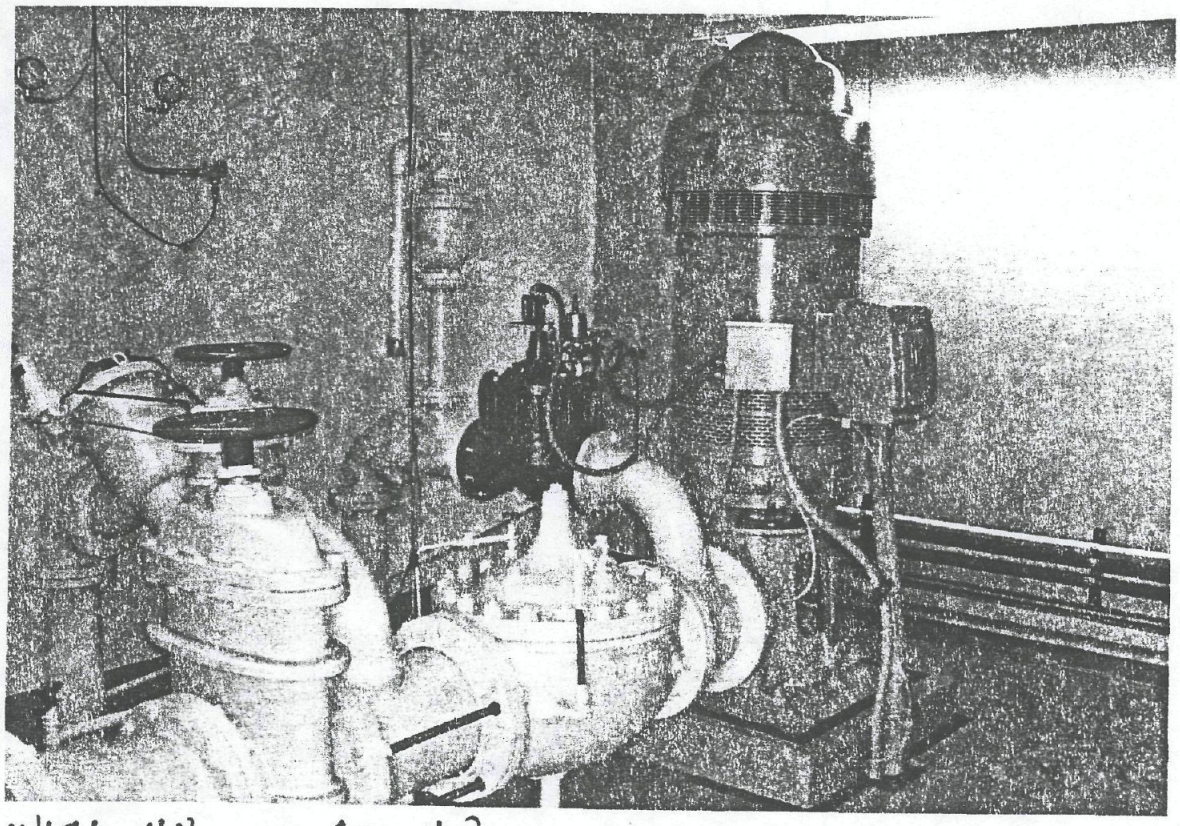

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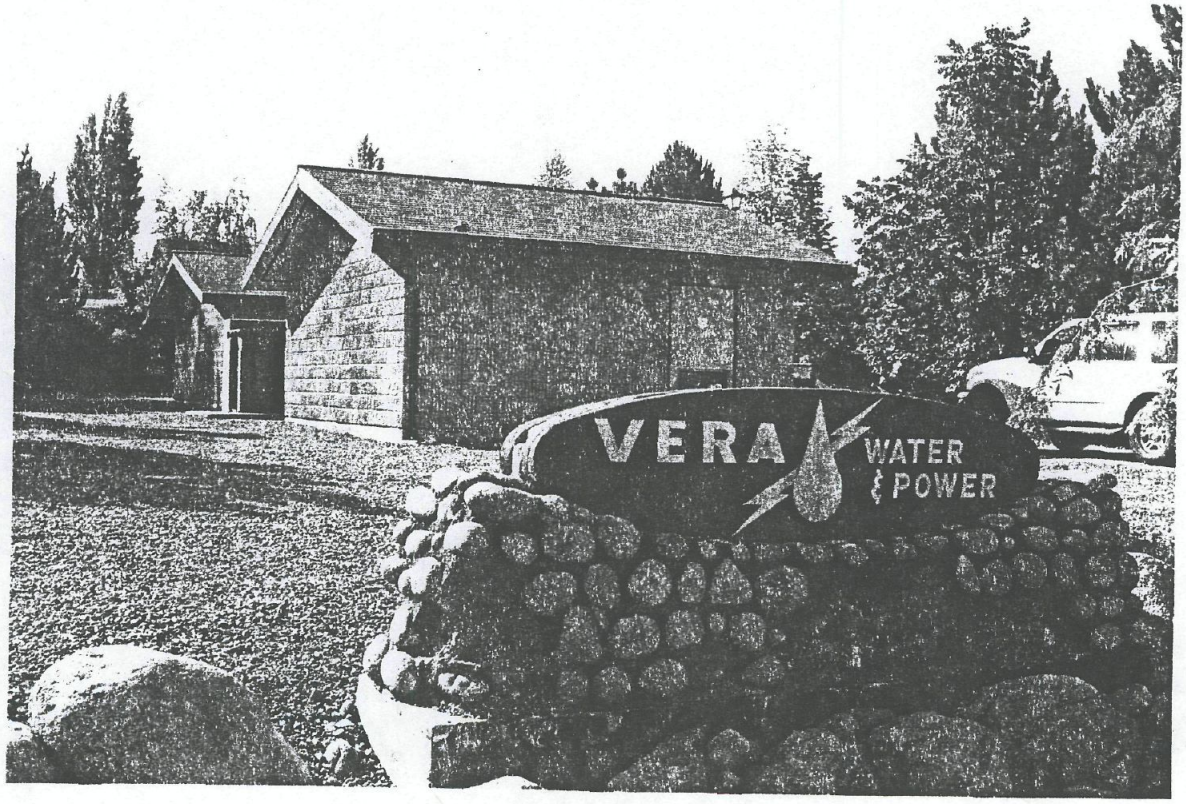

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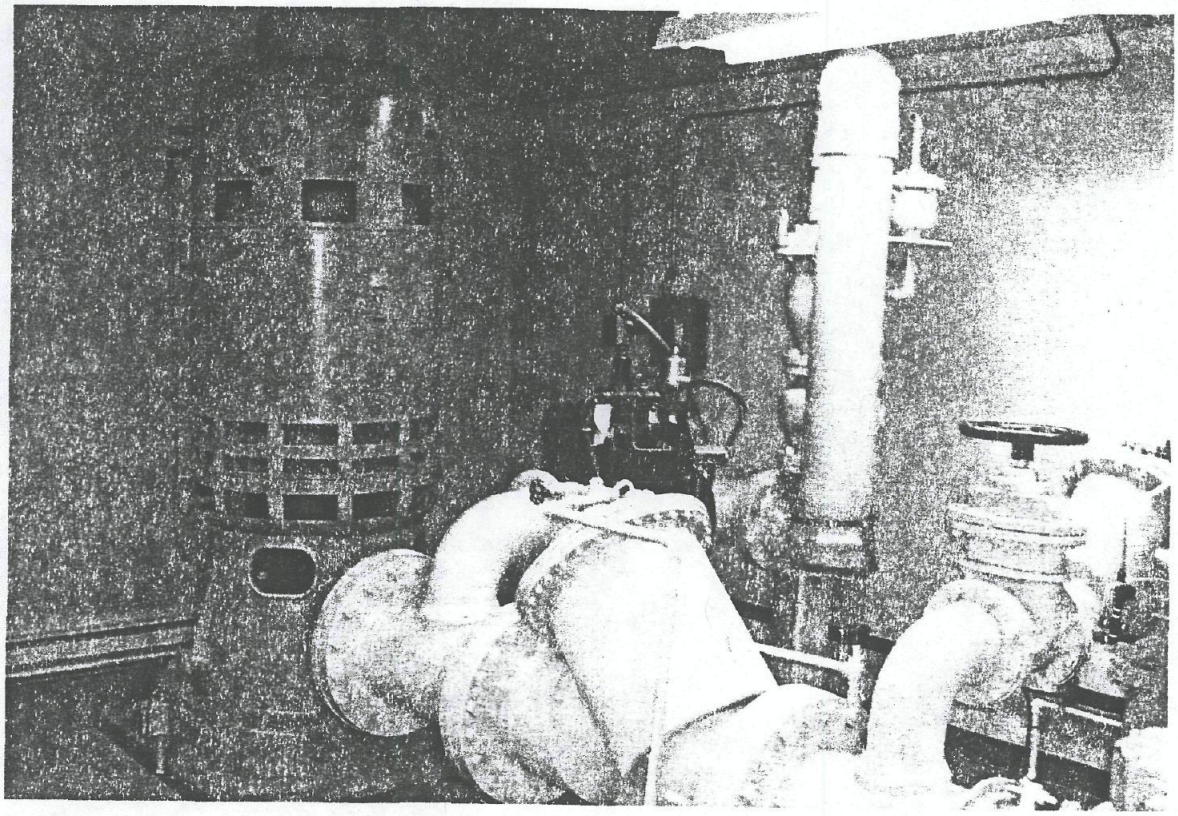

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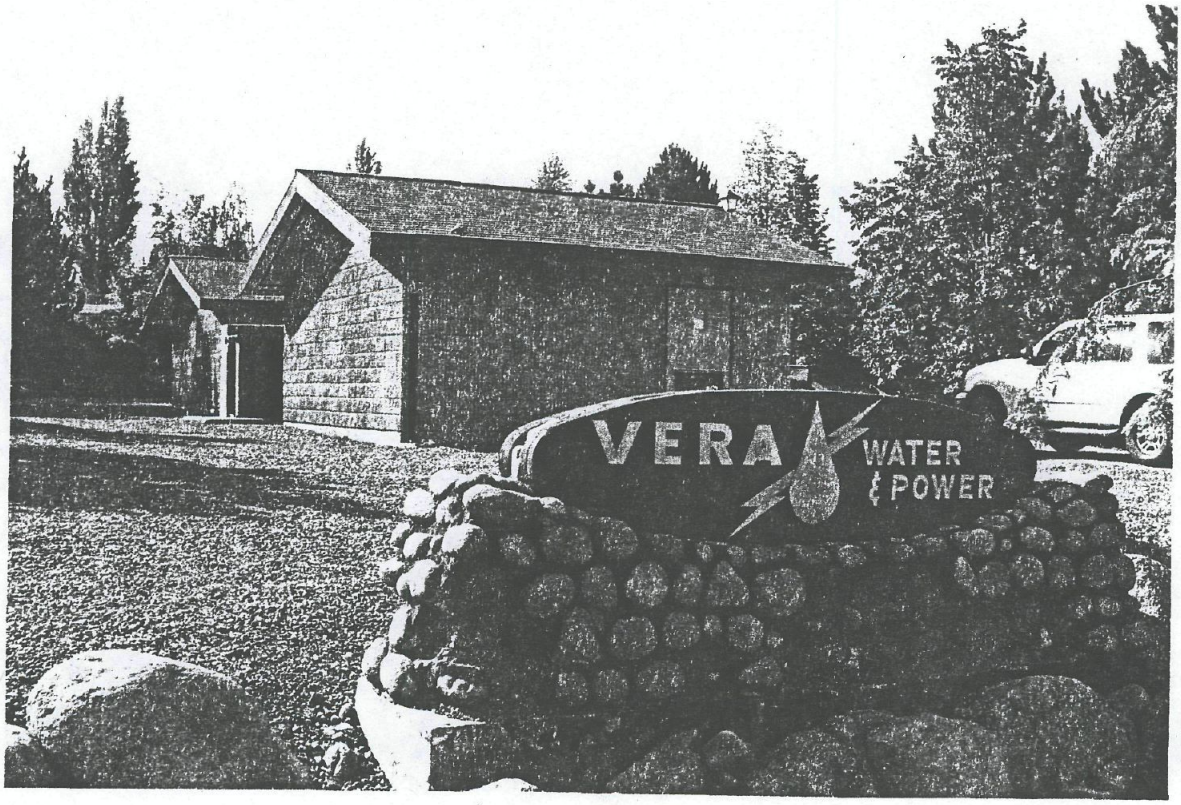

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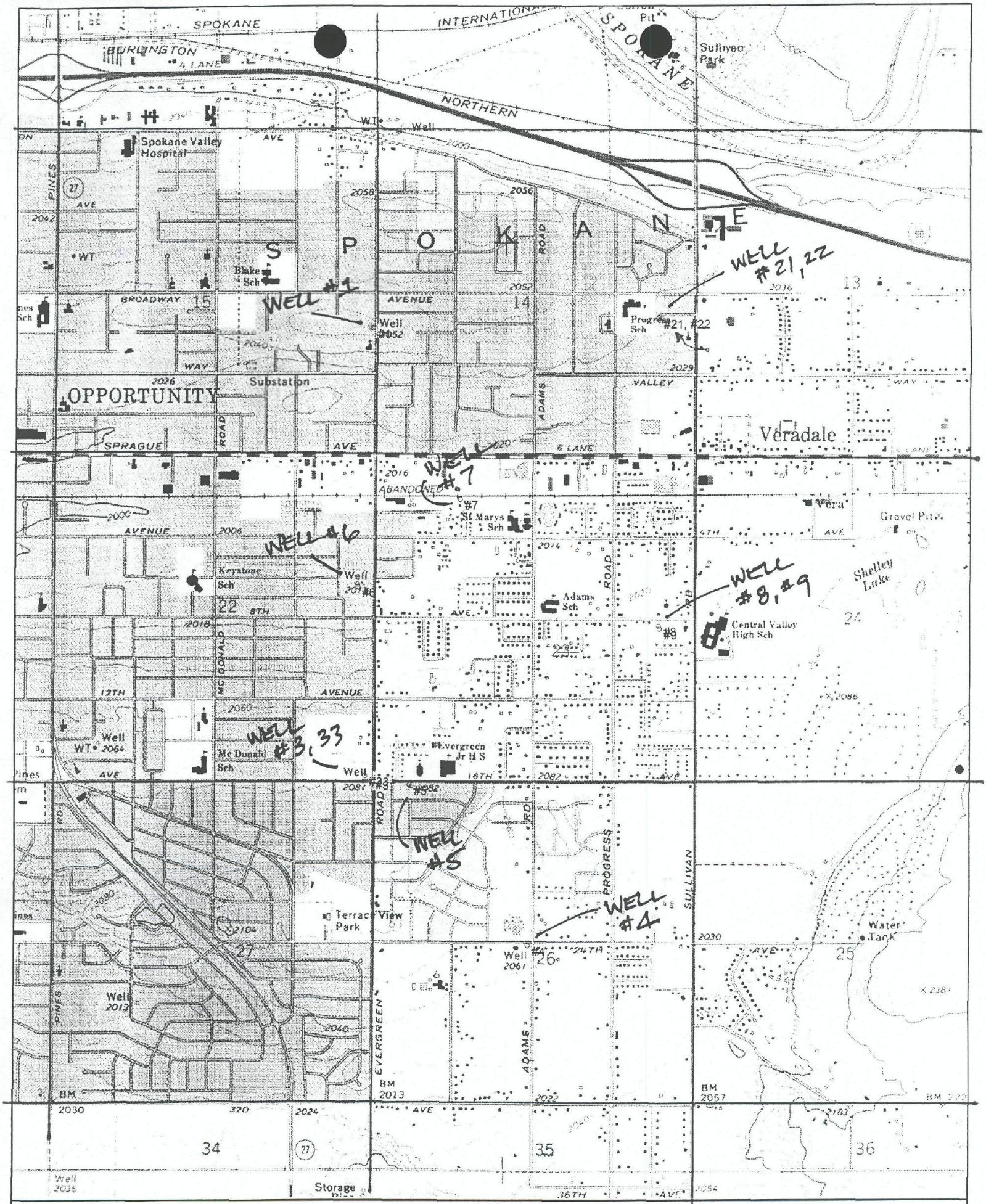

Name: GREENACRES
Date: 10/1/2004
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 047.6503467° N 117.2102238° W
Caption: VERA WATER POWER

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DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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August 31, 2001

Mr. Kevin M. Wells, General Manager
Vera Water and Power
601 North Evergreen Road
P.O. Box 630
Veradale, Washington 99037-0630

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Dear Mr. Wells:

RE: Applications for Change under Ground Water Certificate No's.
709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 712-D (w/Cert. of Change No. 1-3-445), 713-D (w/Cert. of Change No. 897), 896-D, 995-D, 626-A, 5471-A and 6672-A
16th Road Widening – CRP 2791 – Spokane County Public Works Department
WRIA 57 – Spokane County

I am writing this letter in response to your letter dated July 16, 2001 regarding the proposal by the Spokane County Engineer's Department to conduct road and sidewalk work adjacent to Vera Irrigation District No. 15's well numbers 3 and 33 sites which are located within the SE¼SE¼ of Sec. 22, T. 25 N., R. 44 E.W.M., Spokane County, Washington.

I have reviewed the proposal to abandon the four (4) drywells located at the intersection of 16th and Evergreen and replace them with catch basins which will move the drywells and stormwater beyond the 100 foot radius around the well required by the Department of Health. The Department of Ecology Water Resources Program has no concerns regarding this proposal and does not have any objections.

The pending applications for change for the District's existing water right certificates to integrate the system for a total of 21 wells including changes in place of use and purpose of use will not be affected by the above described project. The Department of Ecology has no legal authority involving any property and easements granted between the District and Spokane County.

You will need to directly contact the State Department of Health to ensure that they do not have any issues or objections to the proposed project. If you have any other questions, feel free to contact me on my direct phone line at (509) 456-6188.

Sincerely,

Cindy A. Christian

Cindy A. Christian
Processing Unit Supervisor
Water Resources Program

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cc: Mr. Gary S. Nelson, P.E., Plans and Contract Engineer, 1026 W Broadway Ave, Spokane, WA 99260-0170

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July 16, 2001

Ms. Cindy Christian
Water Resources Program
Washington State Department of Ecology
Eastern Regional Office
4601 No. Monroe, Suite 202
Spokane, WA 99205-1295

Re: Vera Well Site

Dear Cindy:

Enclosed please find a proposal by the Spokane County Engineers for road and sidewalk work adjacent to our Well No.3 and 33 sites. This work requires that we sell property and grant easements to the County at this site.

Our Board has requested that you review this proposal to insure that there is no risk to our Operating Permit or other DOH requirements if the work proceeds. The Board is willing to actively oppose any proposal that threatens the District's ability to supply safe water and willing to support the proposed improvements if they meet all regulatory requirements.

We believe that the elimination of four drywells within 100 feet of the well and the proposed drainage design provide substantial improvement in the protection of the water supply. No significant operating problems will arise from this project.

If there are items or issues that need to be addressed further, please let me know.

If the proposal does not raise any issues with DOH, could you please let us know. Our Board would appreciate a written response. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

VERA WATER AND POWER

Kevin M. Wells
General Manager

cc. Gary Nelson, Spokane County Engineers

SPOKANE COUNTY

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND ROADS

A DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

July 12, 2001

Vera Water and Power
601 N. Evergreen Road
P.O. Box 630
Veradale, WA 99037-0630

RE: 16th Road Widening CRP 2791

ATTN: Kevin Wells, General Manager

Dear Kevin,

Thank you for meeting with us today at your 16th and Evergreen well. Enclosed please find a plan that incorporates the items we discussed today. These are as follows:

1. The sidewalk is located behind the trees from the west property boundary to the well access road. The sidewalk then transitions to the curb in front of the A.J. Dhaenens well.
2. The curb and sidewalk are extended north along Evergreen to the north property boundary.
3. The Right of Way needed along 16th from Vera has been reduced from 10 feet to five feet in the area of separated sidewalk.
4. The four drywells in the intersection of 16th and Evergreen will be abandoned, and replaced with catch basins. The storm drainage will be piped to the County grassed percolation area to the east. This will move these four drywells and stormwater beyond the 100 foot radius around the well as required by the Department of Health.
5. Spokane County will bring the top of the round flow control structure up to grade behind the sidewalk on Evergreen. Spokane County will replace the round metal cover with a traffic rated cover.

This plan is provided to you to document our agreements reached today. We understand you will send this plan to the Departments of Health and Ecology for their approval. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ross E. Kelley, P.E.
County Engineer

FOR

Gary S. Nelson, P.E.
Plans and Contract Engineer

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Enc.

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July 13, 2000

Ms. Michele Vazquez, Regional Planner
WA Department of Health
1500 West 4th Avenue, Suite 305
Spokane, WA 99024

Dear Ms. Vazquez:

RE: Water System Plan (WSP) for Vera Water & Power

I have reviewed the above referenced water system plan and water rights for Vera Water and Power. Ecology recommends WSP approval with the attached comments regarding the water rights:

The total authorized quantities under existing water rights for Vera Water and Power is 10,081 acre-feet per year for municipal supply. The last certificate issued, Ground Water Certificate G3-27084C, contained the following provision, "Total annual water supply authorized under this certificate and all other existing district water rights for municipal supply shall not exceed 10,081 acre-feet per year." The existing rights subject to this provision are: Ground Water Certificates 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 712-D (with certificate of change 1-3-445), 713-D (with certificate of change 897), 896-D, 995-A, 626-A, 5471-A and 6672. The WSP appendix failed to include copies of Certificate 896-D, 995-A, 5471-A and Certificate of Change 897.

The WSP needs to include copies of well logs for all the wells owned and operated by Vera Water and Power. It would be very helpful if Table 4-2 included the exact location of each well from the nearest section corner along with the ¼¼, Section, Township and Range in addition to the street address provided.

On March 7, 1997, Vera made applications for change to Ecology on the above referenced certificates. These applications have not been approved. Vera has applied for a total of twenty-one (21) wells to be integrated under all existing rights including changes in purpose of use and place of use. A detailed investigation and evaluation of Vera's water rights will need to be made to determine if these changes can be approved.

It appears that as of 1997, Vera was under its authorized acre-footage. In March of 1997, Vera provided the Department with meter data from 1985 to 1997. I did not find this information in the WSP. This data, along any new meter readings should be included in the plan. The plan indicated that new meters were purchased in 1998 for all the major pump stations and were to be installed in 1999. Have these meters been installed? Information about these pump station flow meters should be included in future plans (i.e. install date, type of meter, manufacturer, maintenace schedule, etc.).

A Supreme Court decision (Ecology v. George Theodoratus), could have an affect on Vera's water rights. The court's ruling creates considerable doubt as to the status of unused or inchoate water rights. Ecology has prepared a draft policy on how to implement the court's ruling as it relates to public water suppliers. A copy of this draft policy can be made available upon request.

The WSP predicts future water use to be as high as 3,700 MG or 11,355 acre-feet of water by the year 2017 for the Vera service area. Since there are no guarantees that new permits would even be approved for additional ground water in this area and the fact that Vera is limited to 10,081 acre-feet, the plan should include several valid alternatives for obtaining water other than by means of new water right permits being issued by Ecology.

At this time, I can not predict when the Department will be able to make a decision on Vera's pending change applications due to ongoing watershed planning in Water Resource Inventory Area (WRIA) 57, Middle Spokane. For more information about the planning process and ongoing activities within this area, Vera should can Doug Allen with Ecology at (509) 625-5344.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or Vera's water rights, please call me at (509) 456-7661 or Cindy Christian at (509) 456-6188.

Sincerely,

Gene Drury
Water Resources Program

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cc: Larry Biggs, Womer & Associates Inc., 723 North Crestline Street, Spokane, WA 99202

Kevin Wells, Vera Water and Power, 601 North Evergreen RD, PO Box 630 Veradale, WA 99037-0630

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NOTES:

Flow meter program completed in 1999.
Prior to 1999, Vera flow readings were based on pump run time and conversion from kW-hrs to gallons/hr...

Future flows are estimated using a 2.1% growth rate.

– B. Clark

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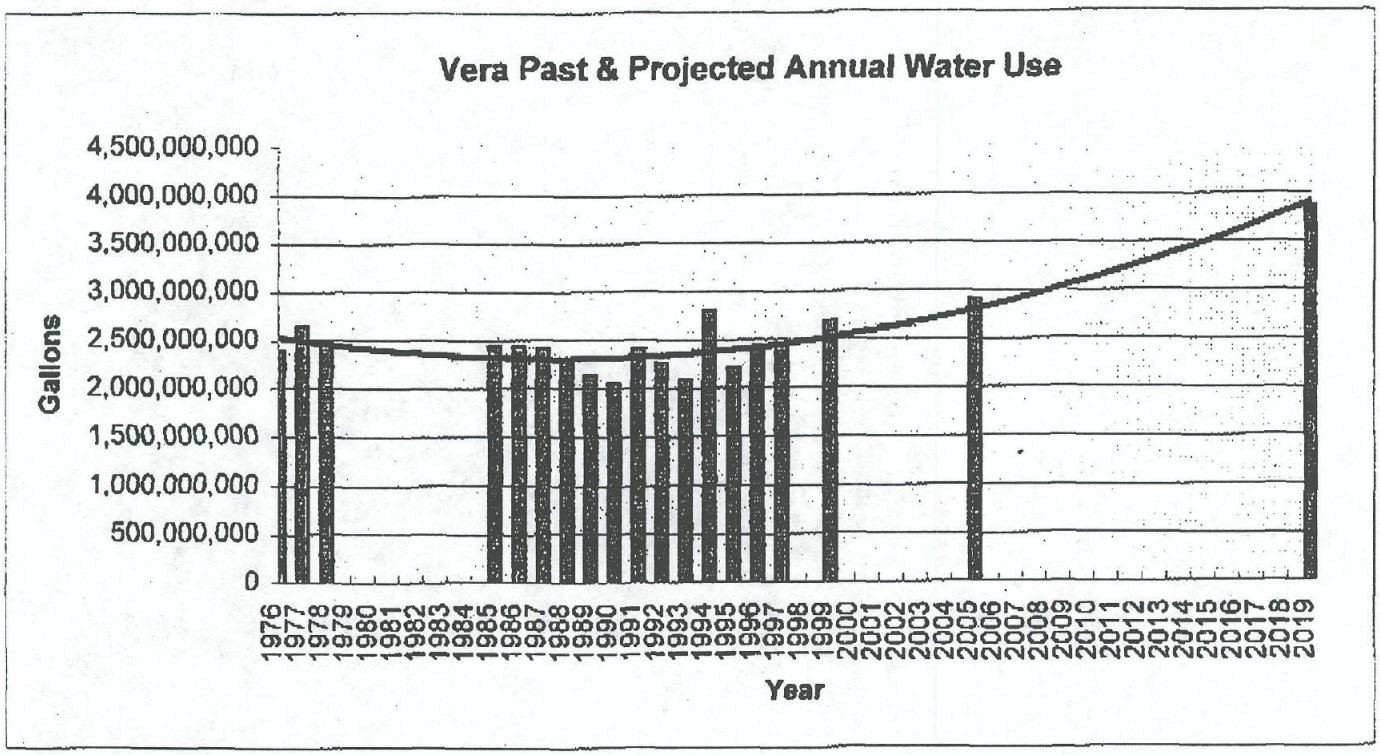

Year	Gal/yr		
1976	2,380,000,000	Est.	
1977	2,626,000,000	Est.	
1978	2,480,000,000	Est.	
1985	2,425,995,000	Est.	
1986	2,416,442,500	Est.	
1987	2,403,147,300	Est.	
1988	2,298,448,150	Est.	
1989	2,127,504,200	Est.	
1990	2,037,389,600	Est.	
1991	2,398,292,300	Est.	
1992	2,252,399,300	Est.	
1993	2,068,056,643	Est.	
1994	2,787,281,156	Est.	
1995	2,195,197,238	Est.	
1996	2,371,358,071	Est.	
1997	2,448,940,000	Est.	
1998	2,500,000,000	Est.	7672
1999	2,679,183,000	Metered	8222
2005	2,891,905,400	Est.	8875
2019	3,868,517,000	Est.	11,872

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VERA WATER & POWER
(according to actual certificates)

CERT. #	NAME	PRIORITY	PURPOSE	Qi	Qa	WELL(s)	LOCATION	SEC	TWP	RGE
709-D	Vera Irrigation District #15	1/1/1908	Fire protection, industrial, irrigation and domestic supply	7100	8893*	(1) Well	NE¼SE¼	15	25	44
711-D	Vera Irrigation District #15	1/1/1909	Fire protection, industrial, irrigation and domestic supply	6300	8893*	(1) Well	SE¼SE¼	22	25	44
710-D	Vera Irrigation District #15	1/1/1910	Industrial, irrigation, fire protection and domestic supply	6000	8893*	(2) Wells	Both in NW¼SW¼	13	25	44
712-D (1-3-445)	Vera Irrigation District #15	1/1/1913	Municipal Supply	3400	8893*	(1) Well	NE¼SW¼	26	25	44
713-D (897)	Vera Irrigation District #15	1/1/1913	Municipal Supply	1400	8893*	(1) Well	NW¼NW¼	26	25	44
896-D	Vera Irrigation Co., Inc.	6/1/1920	Domestic supply and irrigation of 115 acres	1100	365	(1) Well	SE¼NW¼	22	25	44
995-A	Manos	1/1/1922	Irrigation and domestic use	300	213	(1) Well	NE¼NW¼	23	25	44
626-A	Manos	8/7/1950	Irrigation and domestic supply	300	203	(1) Well	NE¼NW¼	23	25	44
5471-A	Vera Irrigation District #15	1/27/1966	Municipal Supply	3100	3360	(1) Well	Tract A, Block 6, Plat ofLemon Air Park Addition	26	25	44
6672	Vera Irrigation District #15	12/27/1967	Municipal Supply (4/1 to 9/30)	4000	3640	(1) Well	SE¼SE¼NE¼	22	25	44
G3-27084C	Vera Irrigation District #15	8/5/1981	Municipal Supply	13400	10081	(4) Wells	#4) NE¼SW¼; #8) NE¼SE¼; #6) SE¼SE¼NE¼; #9) NE¼SE¼;	26; 23; 22; 23;	25 25 25 25	44 44 44 44

* Ground Water Certificates 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 712-D(1-3-445), 713-D(897) are limited to a combined total of 8893 acre-feet per year.

TOTAL UNDER ALL RIGHTS
(SEE PROVISIONS OF G3-27084C)

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
4601 N. Monroe, Suite 202 • Spokane, Washington 99205-1295 • (509) 456-2926

November 19, 1998

Ms. Michelle Vazquez, Regional Planner
WA Department of Health Drinking Water
1500 West 4th Avenue, Suite 305
Spokane, WA 99204

Dear Ms. Vazquez:

RE: Water System Plan for Vera Water & Power, Spokane County (WRIA 57)

I have reviewed the above referenced water system plan and offer the following comments regarding the water rights:

1. The plan does not include much water use data. This plan needs to show the annual production, consumption and lost or unaccounted for water from each well/source. Without accurate metered data, the Department can not evaluate the status of Vera's water rights.

2. Several of Vera's water rights are supplemental rights and it appears that the plans instantaneous quantity (Qi) of 36,200 gallons per minute is not correct. I can not tell how this number was determined.

3. The Maximum Instantaneous Demand (MID) in Section 3-2 equals 103,000 gallons per minute. If correct, this would far exceed the certificate quantities.

Vera Water & Power should contact Cindy Christian at (509) 456-6188 to set up a meeting for early 1999 to determine the status of their water rights and then make the appropriate corrections to the water system plan.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call me at (509) 456-7661.

Sincerely,

Gene Drury
Water Resources Program

Cc: Vera Water & Power
Womer & Associates, Inc.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS)

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County of Spokane)

MICHAEL HUFFMAN, being first duly sworn on oath deposes and says that he is the MANAGING EDITOR, of The Valley News Herald, a weekly newspaper. That said newspaper is a legal newspaper and it is now and has been for more than six months prior to the date of the publication hereinafter referred to, published in the English language continually as a weekly newspaper in Spokane County, Washington, and it is now and during all of said time was printed in an office maintained at the aforesaid place of publication of said newspaper, which said newspaper had been approved as a legal newspaper by order of the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for Spokane County. That the following is a true copy of a public notice as it was published in regular issues commencing on the 30th day of January, 1998, and ending on the 6th day of February, 1998, both dates inclusive, and that such newspaper was regularly distributed to its subscribers during all of said period:

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CHANGE OF WATER RIGHTS UNDER ONE (1) GROUND WATER PERMIT AND TEN (10) GROUND WATER CERTIFICATES

TAKE NOTICE:

That Vera Irrigation District No. 15 of Veradale, Washington has made applications for change of water rights in order to integrate their water system by adding existing and new points of withdrawal, correct the location of several wells, change the purpose of use and place of use as granted under Ground Water Permit No. G3-27084P and Ground Water Certificates Nos. 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 712-D (together with Certificate of Change No. 1-3-445), 713-D (together with Certificate of Change No. 897), 896-D, 995-D, 5471-A and 6672-A. That the total annual quantity authorized under existing water rights is 10081 acre-feet per year.

The following water rights and legal descriptions are ALL located in Township 25 N., Range 44 E.W.M., Spokane County, Washington:

G3-27084P authorizes 13400 gallons per minute and 10081 acre-feet per year, continuously, for municipal supply. The present points of withdrawal are four (4) wells located as follows: #4) NE1/4SW1/4, Sec. 26; #6) SE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 22; #8) NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 23; #9) NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 23.

709-D authorizes 7100 gallons per minute, 8893 acre-feet per year (less amount withdrawn from wells under Declarations 694, 695, 696 and 697) for the purpose of continuous domestic supply, fire protection, industrial and seasonal irrigation. The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #1) NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 15.

710-D authorizes 6000 gallons per minute, 8893 acre-feet per year (less amount withdrawn from wells under Declarations 693, 695, 696 and 697) for the purpose of continuous domestic supply, fire protection, industrial and seasonal irrigation. The present points of withdrawal are two (2) wells located as follows: #21) NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 14; #22) NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 14. (NOTE: The location of these wells was incorrectly described as being in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Sec. 13).

711-D Authorizes 6300 gallons per minute, 8893 acre-feet per year (less amount withdrawn from wells under Declarations 693, 694, 695 and 697) for the purpose of continuous domestic supply, fire protection, industrial and seasonal irrigation. The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #3) SE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 22.

712-D(1-3-445) authorizes 3400 gallons per minute, 8893 acre-feet per year (less amount withdrawn from wells under Declarations 693, 694, 695 and 697) for the purpose of seasonal municipal supply. The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #4) NE1/4SW1/4, Sec. 26.

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 6th day of February, 1998

State of Washington
County of Spokane

I certify that I know or have satisfactory evidence that Michael Huffman is the person who appeared before me, and said person acknowledged that he signed this instrument and acknowledged it to be his free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes mentioned in the instrument.

Kristen R Roestel

Kristen Roestel

Title: Notary Public

My appointment expires: 11-19-98

713-D(897) authorizes 1400 gallons per minute, 8893 acre-feet per year (less amount withdrawn from wells under Declarations 693, 694, 695 and 696) for the purpose of seasonal municipal supply. The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #5) NW1/4NW1/4, Sec. 26.

896-D authorizes 1100 gallons per minute, 365 acre-feet per year for the purpose of continuous domestic supply and seasonal irrigation of 115 acres. The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #6) SE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 22. (NOTE: The location of this well was incorrectly described as being in the SE1/4NW1/4 of Sec. 22). The present place of use is land which is located in Sec. 22.

995-D authorizes 300 gallons per minute, 213 acre-feet per year for the purpose of continuous domestic supply and seasonal irrigation of 58 acres. The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #7) NE1/4NW1/4, Sec. 23. The present place of use is: That part of S1/2NE1/4NW1/4 lying south of C.M. St. P. & I. R.R. and SE1/4NW1/4; all in Sec. 23.

626-A authorizes 300 gallons per minute, 203 acre-feet per year for the purpose of continuous domestic supply and seasonal irrigation of 58 acres. The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #7) NE1/4NW1/4, Sec. 23. The present place of use is: That part of S1/2NE1/4NW1/4 lying south of C.M. St. P. & I. R.R. and SE1/4NW1/4; all in Sec. 23.

5471-A authorizes 3100 gallons per minute, 3360 acre-feet per year (560 af/yr primary; 2800 af/yr supplemental) for the purpose of continuous municipal supply. This certificate was issued as supplemental supply to GW Certificates Nos. 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, and 712-D(897). The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #5) Tract A of Block 6, Plat of Lemon Air Park in the NW1/4NW1/4, Sec. 26. The present place of use is the Community of Veradale.

6672-A authorizes 4000 gallons per minute, 3640 acre-feet per year for the purpose of municipal supply, continuously, from April 1 to September 30, each year. The present point of withdrawal is a well located as follows: #6) SE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 22. The present place of use is the Community of Veradale.

NOTE: Some of the above-described instantaneous and annual quantities are supplemental to other rights.

That the present place of use under Certificates Nos. 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 712-D (1-3-445) and 713-D(897) is: Vera Irrigation District #15, Spokane County, Washington.

That they propose to integrate each of the above referenced ten (10) wells and add an additional eleven (11) wells to each of their water rights. Each water right will include the following twenty one (21) wells which are located and numbered as follows: #1) NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 15; #21)NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 14; #22), NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 14; #3)SE1//4SE1/4, Sec. 22; #33)SE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 22; #4)NE1/4SW1/4, Sec. 26; #5)NW1/4NW1/4, Sec. 26; #6)SE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 22; #7)NE1/4NW1/4, Sec. 23; #8)NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 23; #9)NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 23; #23) NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 14; #24)NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 14; #25)NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 14; #26) NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 14; #34)SE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 22; #35)SE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 22; #62)SE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 22; #63)SE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 22; #64)SE1/4NE1/4, Sec. 22; #10)NE1/4SE1/4, Sec. 23; ALL IN T. 25 N., R. 44 E.W.M.

That they propose to change the purpose of use under 709-D, 710-D, 711-D, 896-D, 626-A and 995-A to continuous municipal supply (EXCEPT for any seasonal irrigation use which will be changed to seasonal municipal supply).

That they propose to change the place of use under all existing water rights to: Area served by Vera Irrigation District No. 15.

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objection; protests must be accompanied by a two ($2.00) dollar fee and filed with the Department of Ecology, Eastern Washington Regional Office, N. 4601 Monroe, Suite 202, Spokane, WA 99205-1295, within thirty (30) days from February 6, 1998.