

Gold Hill Mill, M-1994-117, Water Court Decree

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Since the water rights were changed in case no. 85CW0117 consistent with the proposed mining/milling use at the Gold Hill Mill, a substitute water supply plan or augmentation plan is not required so long as the use of the shares is in accordance with the terms and conditions of said decree. This includes the installation of a continuous recording measuring device at the proposed point of diversion, and providing daily accounting on a monthly basis, or other interval acceptable to the water commissioner.

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Hi Sarah,

I'm following up with you on a comment your office submitted on 1/25/2018 (attached) with regard to an amendment application (AM-01) submitted for the Gold Hill Mill, Permit No. M-1994-117. The decision date for the application is currently set for December 30, 2018.

The operator just recently responded to our January adequacy review letter. I'm currently working on a second adequacy review letter, and am trying to determine if the decree they submitted in their response (attached) sufficiently addresses the concerns expressed by your office.

The primary concern was that the applicant's 20 shares purchased from the Left Hand Ditch Company had not been changed from the originally decreed irrigation use to allow for the proposed mining/milling use.

After reviewing the decree submitted in their recent response (case no. 85CW117), it appears the use of the applicant's water rights has been changed to "mining, milling, and all uses incidental thereto including storage, in addition to the historic uses in the Left Hand Ditch Company system."

So does this mean the applicant will not be required to obtain a SWSP or augmentation plan for the proposed water use?

Thanks,

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2 attachments

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