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RE: Unauthorized changes to the Mt. Aire Splitter

Dear Jerry,

Lee Sim asked me to look into recent changes in the settings of the Mr. Aire splitter reported to him by Tom Daley.

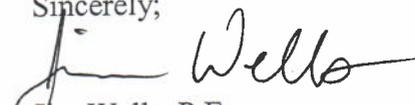
I talked to Terry Murphy (Weber Deputy Commissioner) regarding this issue. Terry stated that she did not make any changes to the headgates at the Mt. Aire splitter. According to her understanding, the lock on the headgate controlling flows into the Bates, Snyder, Dorrity (BSD) Ditch was cut off and the changes made by a water user downstream on the BSD Ditch. It being the end of the irrigation season, Terry felt resetting the head gate was unnecessary.

Terry also related that she had previously received a request to provide the lock combination to a downstream water user who complained that the large flow fluctuations in the BSD Ditch were causing problems for homeowners. Because of her concerns regarding overall system regulation, Terry did not provide the combination.

The fluctuating flows are attributed to the Park City Golf Course's irrigation practices which drain the golf course ponds. As the ponds refill, the flows to the Mt. Aire splitter drop considerably.

We believe this is a problem that needs to be reviewed and hopefully resolved before the start of the next irrigation season. A meeting to discuss the situation might be very helpful. If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-7374 or jimwells@utah.gov.

Sincerely;


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