

To: SMWOA water rights owners

From: Claude Mulholland

Re: Information regarding the Water Commissioner, Claude Mulholland, and Nugget Ditch.

Date: June 10, 2013

Costs: \$65 per day based on how many days Mr. Mulholland works. Only those using water will be billed and the billing will be done by the court on a proportional basis according to each individual water right. The days worked will be based on a "call" by a water user or as determined by the water commissioner. Starting up will require Mr. Mulholland to gather information, learn the ditch, and contact individuals.

Nugget Ditch: Ditch maintenance is the responsibility of all people that own a water right on the Nugget ditch. If proper maintenance of the Nugget ditch and the Head gate associated with it are not maintained properly, Mr. Mulholland or the Court may require that maintenance be performed on the entire ditch system. This will also be billed proportionately and all persons who hold a water right on Nugget ditch will be billed.

Area of authority: All of Nugget Ditch and North Meadow Creek from the Nugget Ditch head gate upstream will be managed by the Water Commissioner.

A measuring device is required to take water. No exceptions. The measuring device must be adequate to measure water accurately in the determination of the water commissioner. Mr. Mulholland recommends discussion before the user buys and installs a measuring device so that the user can be assured the water commissioner can approve the type of device, location, and installation.

All head gates must be serviceable (no leaks and must be able to close properly)

When the Water Commissioner is distributing water use he will be the only person allowed to make changes to head gates or otherwise change the amount of water being taken.

I realize that we will not be able to accomplish all of these requirements this year and we will try to work around them as best we can but by next year's water season these requirements must be in place (head gates, measuring devices and the ditch cleaned and maintained)

Look forward to working with you all

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Important message from SMWOA

1. From now on, if the water commissioner needs to communicate with all the water users, he may ask SMWOA to send an email. This email may go into your spam or junk mail. Please check your spam or junk mail weekly to see if an email from smwoa1@gmail.com has gone there. To prevent this from happening, add the email address to your address book.

2. All communication and information about SMWOA water rights and water use is available on www.smwoa.org