

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 23, 2022
To: Transfer 86038
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This application proposes to combine ten water rights on the Andersen property onto a 209.5-acre place of use. Ground water rights 34-2416B and 34-2416C will be included in the combined place of use. These rights, in combination, authorize 107 acres of irrigation. In total, the transfer will only result in a small shift in irrigated acres on the Andersen property. The rights already cover most of the irrigated acres on the property. The proposed change will combine the rights to reflect the current combined delivery system.

Authority to File:

Applicant, Dean Andersen, is the current owner of record for all water rights involved in this transfer. Karalee Andersen is an owner of record for water rights 34-622C, 34-623B and 34-2416C. Dean Andersen owns the property at the existing and proposed places of use. Dean and Karalee Andersen do not own three small parcels in the south half of the SWSE of Section 5, T04N, R26E. In a previous temporary transfer, Andersen demonstrated that those parcels were divided prior to the issuance of decrees in the SRBA. Application was signed by Dean and Karalee Andersen.

Water Right Validity:

WRs 34-117D, 34-377B, 34-615, 34-622C, 34-623B, 34-2416B, 34-2416C, and 34-10669 were decreed in 1998. WRs 34-311B and 34-623A were decreed in 2001. Aerial imagery shows consistent irrigation of the property. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights & Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified. Watermaster for Water District 34 was notified of the transfer and did not provide comment. Points of diversion will not change. Therefore, the application was processed without public notice. Condition will be added to ground water rights 34-2416B and 34-2416C limiting those rights to the irrigation of a specific, pre-designated 107 acres within the 209.5 acre combined place of use.

Local Public Interest & Conservation of Water Resources:

No evidence suggests proposals of this transfer are in conflict with the local public interest or conservation of local water resources.

Review of the application finds there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this application.