

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 12, 2022
To: Transfer 86035
From: Anna Kaiser
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Transfer proposes to rearrange place of use for water right 29-7931A to reflect recent changes to applicant's system layout and to install a center pivot in the NW 1/4 of Sec 35. Acres will be dried up to offset acres irrigated under new center pivot.

Authority to File:

Applicant (Ward & Sons Co. Inc.) is the current owner of record for water right 29-7931A. Vance E. Ward is the current president of Ward & Sons Co. Inc. and therefore has authority to sign for this application. The proposed place of use is owned in part by Ward & Sons Co. Inc. and in part by Ward Farms. Ward Farms' certificate of assumed business (found the Idaho's Secretary of State website) lists Vance E. Ward as an individual doing business under the assumed business name Ward Farms.

Water Right Validity:

Water right 29-7931A was licensed in 2016. Based on the Department's aerial imagery, it appears the POU has been irrigated within the past five years. No forfeiture issues identified.

Injury to Other Water Rights & Enlargement of Use:

Authorized point of diversion will not change. No injury issues identified. Watermaster for water district 29O was notified of the change and does not oppose the change. Because acres are being dried up to offset irrigation under the new pivot, there are no enlargement concerns.

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.