

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 28, 2022
To: Transfer 85687
From: Anna Kaiser
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Summary of Proposal:

The applicant is contracted to purchase 3 acres of water right 35-7720. Transfer 85687 proposes changes to the 3-acres under contract.

The approval of transfer 85687 will result in a split of WR 35-7720. The proposed POD and POU of the split portion of right 35-7720 is in basin 23 and will therefore be assigned the water right number 23-11514 upon transfer approval.

Transfer 85687 proposes partial nature of use change in water right 23-11514 to include storage uses as follows:

<u>Beneficial Use Pre-Transfer</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Volume</u>
IRRIGATION	04/15	10/31	0.06 CFS	12 AF
<u>Totals:</u>			0.06 CFS	12 AF

<u>Beneficial Use Post-Transfer</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Diversion Rate</u>	<u>Volume</u>
IRRIGATION	04/15	10/31	0.02 CFS	4.2
DIVERSION TO STORAGE	04/15	10/31	0.04 CFS	
AESTHETIC STORAGE	01/01	12/31		3.8 AF
<u>Totals:</u>			0.06 CFS	8.0 AF

This transfer is filed in conjunction with transfer 85688, proposing changes to right 23-88B. The storage component proposed through this transfer will be used to mitigate evaporative losses of the ponds filled through right 23-88B.

Transfer 85687 will result in abandonment of the 3-acre portion of water right 1-7017 overlapping the 3 acres of 35-7720 to be split and transferred.

Contact person for this transfer is representative Rocky Mountain Water Environment Associates, Inc. 208-524-2353. Kristin.rmea@gmail.com

Authority to File:

The applicant is contracted to purchase the portion of water right 35-7720 involved in this transfer and owns the proposed POU and therefore has the right to file this transfer

Water Right Validity:

Water right 35-7702 was decreed on January 12, 2004 and has been leased to the water supply bank since 2019.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Injury is not anticipated.

This transfer was advertised in the local newspaper and received no protests by local water users.

Enlargement of Use:

Transfer is not anticipated to enlarge use.

Based on the pond use calculations enclosed with the transfer application, 3.8 AF of water is required to mitigate evaporative losses for the ponds filled through water right 23-88B. In order to accommodate the 3.8 AF required for pond mitigation, 1.8 acres of irrigation will be retired. The Department has verified water needed to irrigate of 1.8 acres has the consumptive equivalence of water needed to mitigate for 3.8 AF of evaporative losses.

The remaining 0.02 cfs will be utilized to irrigate 1.2 acres. The proposed 1.2-acre POU will overlap the POU of WR 23-88B. Transfer approval will be conditioned with X37 limiting irrigation from 23-88B and 23-11514 to a combined total of 53.5 acres.

Local Public Interest:

No evidence suggests this transfer is inconsistent with the local public interest.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

The application proposes beneficial use consistent with conservation of water resources in Idaho.

Effect on Economy and/or Agricultural Base on Local Area:

No evidence suggests this transfer will hinder local economy or agricultural base.

The application is consistent with criteria of I. C. § 42-222 and should be processed.