

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 4, 2022
To: Transfer 85698
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion and place of use for a 1.9-acre split portion of water right 25-2020. The proposed place of use covers 2.4 acres. 0.5 acres of the proposed place of use are irrigated with domestic ground water right 25-14030. The proposed place of use is located approximately 1/2 mile west of the existing place of use on contiguous property owned by the applicant. Because the proposed place of use is on a separate irrigation system from the existing place of use for right 25-2020, it makes sense to split the right and have separate right describe the irrigation occurring at the proposed place of use.

Authority to File: Application was filed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (LDS Church) and signed by a representative for the church. The LDS Church - Corporation of the Presiding Bishopric is the current owner of record for the right. The LDS Church owns the property at the existing and proposed places of use.

Water Right Validity: A partial decree was issued for water right 25-2020 by the SRBA court in 2005. 135 acres of water right 25-2020, including the acres to be transferred, were leased to the Water Supply Bank in 2005. The acres were released from the WSB in 2020.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No issues identified. Proposed points of diversion are in the same vicinity as the existing points of diversion. There are no water right points of diversion between the existing and proposed points of diversion. Water right 25-2020 and its progeny carry a junior priority date on Willow Creek. In drought years, the right may only be available for a couple of weeks. LDS Church was notified of the limits of the right and is exploring renting water from the WD1 Rental Pool when the right is curtailed.

Enlargement of Use: No issues identified. Part of the irrigation at the proposed place of use is covered by domestic right 25-14030. This right will be identified in a transfer approval condition.

Local Public interest: No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No issues identified. Sprinkler irrigation.

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.