

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 12, 2021
To: Transfer 85258
From: Jake Nebeker
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion for water right 34-14853. The point of diversion will change from the original irrigation well owned by another water user to the applicants domestic well.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current water right owner of record. Butte County tax lot data shows the applicant as the current owner of the place of use and the proposed point of diversion. The applicant has authority to make the change.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2001. Review of 2004, 2009, 2011, and 2015 aerial photography shows growing vegetation on the current place of use. The online Climate Engine application was used to further analyze the time between 2015 to present day. The data shows the place of use was irrigated in 2017, 2018, and 2019. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights do not appear to be injured by the proposed change. The point of diversion is being changed to a well within the same QQQ. The quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The water master was notified and did not provide a comment. The transfer was advertised and did not receive protests.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change does not appear to result in enlargement because neither rate nor volume nor irrigated acreage will increase as a result of the transfer.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

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.