

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 16, 2021
To: Transfer 84874
From: Brian Normandeau
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the point of diversion for water rights 33-2041, 33-4000, 33-4001, 33-4002, 33-2069 and 33-10986. Currently, these rights list nine points of diversion. After a recent ownership change where all but 4.4 acres of these rights were split, the applicant wishes to update the point of diversion for the small remaining portion of the rights to a well located close to the existing place of use. The existing nine points of diversion will be removed from the rights.

Authority to File:

The transfer applicant is W. T. Williams, Inc. The application was signed by Wade T Williams, who is registered with the Secretary of State as a Vice President of W. T. Williams, Inc. The water rights are currently owned by W. T. Williams, Inc per IDWR records. The property covered by the POU is owned by Wade Williams per Butte County parcel data. The property at the point of diversion is owned by Mark Stone. The application indicates that Wade Williams was the previous property owner, and still owns and operates the well. Further, the well is accessible from a public road, and the only other water rights serviced by the well are owned by Wade and Janene Williams.

Water Right Validity:

The rights involved in this transfer were involved in a previous transfer (Transfer 83556), which was approved 5/22/2020. The validity of these rights was reviewed during that process, and no evidence of forfeiture was observed. No issues identified.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The proposed point of diversion is an existing groundwater well. The only other water rights diverted in close proximity are associated with the applicant. The result of ESPA Modeling provided with the application indicated no mitigation requirements. The application was not protested, and the watermaster did not provide comment. No issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

Approval of this transfer does not result in an increase to diversion rate, total volume or total irrigated acres. No issues of enlargement identified.

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.