

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 29, 2020

To: Transfer 84154

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The City of Iona has an existing municipal delivery system that includes 3 wells. The purpose of this transfer is to correct the legal description of 2 of the existing wells and to add a new well to the system.

Authority to File:

IDWR records show the applicant as the current owner of the rights being transferred. Bonneville Co. parcel data show that the City's new well lot is located in the NE corner of Lot 2. However, the City provided a survey showing that the well lot is actually located in Lot 1 (see drilling permit docs). The application was signed by Zech Prouse, who is the public works director according to the City's webpage.

Water Right Validity:

Right 25-14392 was decreed in the SRBA in 2007 and was included in transfer 82834, which was approved in 2018. The previous owner of the right filed an application for extension of time to avoid forfeiture in 2015, which was approved through April 22, 2020. The City filed a resumption of beneficial use form earlier this year declaring that resumption occurred on March 12, 2020.

Right 25-7623 was licensed in 1998, and the three other rights in this transfer were decreed in the SRBA in 2005. These four rights were included in transfer 73533, which was approved in 2007. WMIS records for all 3 existing wells show regular use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No evidence was found to show that the proposed change would reduce the quantity of water available to other water rights. The ESPA model was run, and mitigation is not required. The transfer application was advertised and no protests were filed. The Water District 120 Watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because the authorized diversion rate will not increase as a result of the transfer.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Effect on Economy the Local Area:

No issues identified.

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area:

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.