

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 6, 2020
To: Transfer 83958
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion for water rights 34-14745, 34-14746 and 34-14750. The applicant is proposing to change the point of diversion for the above rights since the current point of diversion is located on a neighboring property.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current water right owner of record, and is the property owner of the proposed point of diversion according to deeds provided with the application.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights 34-14745 and 34-14746 were decreed in the SRBA in 2002, and water right 34-14750 was decreed in the SRBA in 2001. Review of 2006, 2011 and 2015 aerial photography shows growing vegetation and evidence of irrigation practices on the current place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights will not be injured by the proposed change. The transfer does propose a new point of diversion, but the quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The proposed change is within the model boundary, but the proposed point of diversion is located in an adjacent model cell from the current point of diversion, and therefore does not require a mitigation simulation model to be run. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The Water District 34 watermaster was notified of the changes, and no comment was received.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement because neither the rate, volume nor irrigated acres will increase as a result of the transfer. The other ground water rights associated with the current place of use are being diverted from a separate well.

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.