MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2020

To: Transfer # 82440 File

From: Benny Walker

Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application proposes to move a 1.55 cfs and 147.5 acre portion of a ground water irrigation right located on a farm approximately 3.0 – 3.4 miles north and 2.0 – 2.5 miles west of Fairfield from Hwy 20 and Soldier Road intersection, to a new farm located approximately 6.0 – 6.6 miles due west of the same intersection bordering on Hwy 20 on the south to 0.6 miles on the north side of Hwy 20 from Fairfield. The application also proposes to drill a new well at the proposed place of use. The right involved with the application is located within Water District #37B. Watermaster comments were solicited and consent was given. The application was subject to notice and protest. A protest was filed by SV Ranch LLC. A conditional withdrawal of protest was later submitted by SV Ranch LLC and the applicant amended the application pursuant to the conditional withdrawal of protest.

• Authority to File:

The applicant is the owner of the right involved in the transfer. The applicant submitted a warranty deed showing ownership of the proposed place of use and point of diversion.

Water Right Validity:

The right involved with this transfer was decreed in the SRBA. Aerial photography indicates that the water right has been used in recent years.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

None anticipated. Application was protested and resolved under the conditional withdrawal of protest.

• Enlargement of Use:

None anticipated.

Local Public Interest:

No negative impacts anticipated. Application was subject to notice and protest. A protest was received and later resolved through the conditional withdrawal of protest.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use of water.

• Effect on Economy of the Local Area:

No issues anticipated.

Effect of the Agricultural Base of the Local Area:

None anticipated.

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.