

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 26, 2019
To: Transfer 83027
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Right 23-11J was recently included in approved transfer 81162, which added a pump on the Snake River as a point of diversion for delivery of the right. Transfer 83027 removes the Snake River pump as a point of diversion and changes the water right place of use to the Palisade Irrigation Co. digital boundary. Parcel no. RP01N44E201202 will no longer be irrigated and will be removed from the company boundary. The Palisade Irrigation Co. rights have been added to the transfer as associated rights due to the boundary change.

Authority to File:

The applicant and the current water right owner have entered into a purchase and sale agreement for the water right. The transaction is contingent upon approval of this transfer. The application was signed by the president of the irrigation company. The Idaho Secretary of State webpage shows that he is authorized to sign on behalf of the company.

Water Right Validity:

Right 23-11J was decreed in the SRBA in 2010. Review of 2015 aerial photography shows growing vegetation on the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change. Right 23-11J will retain the Palisades Canal as the only point of diversion. The point of diversion on the Snake River will be removed from the right. The quantity to be diverted and the number of acres authorized to be irrigated will not change as a result of the transfer. Since it is clear that the proposed change will not adversely impact other water rights, this application will not require public notice. The watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement of use. While the description of the place of use will change from a land list to a digital boundary, the number of acres authorized for irrigation under the right will not increase. An acre limit condition will be added to the right to prevent enlargement.

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.