

MEMORANDUM

Date: February 12, 2019
To: Transfer 82950
From: Jeff Nield
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to add a point of diversion to water rights 34-856H and 34-282B.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the water rights. Custer County taxlot data also shows the applicant as the owner of the parcel where the additional point of diversion is proposed. The transfer application was signed by Harry Crawford and Beverly Crawford, both listed owners of the water rights.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights 34-856H and 34-282B were decreed in the SRBA on 07/10/2002 and 06/07/2002, respectively. The rights were leased to the water supply bank in 2015 and is under lease contract through 2019. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Lucas Yockey was contacted to determine if the addition of the proposed point of diversion would cause significant shrink, and furthermore injury, to other water users on the Lower Burnett Ditch as a result of the Crawfords water no longer being diverted down the ditch. Lucas informed me that since he has been the watermaster there has been no diversion of water down the Lower Burnett Ditch. For this reason he believes there is no concern of injury. The 2017 Water Rights Accounting Report for Water District 34 confirmed that there was no water diverted down the Lower Burnett Ditch. The quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The watermaster had the opportunity to review the transfer and does not oppose the transfer.

Enlargement of Use:

The transfer will not result in any changes in rate, volume, or irrigated acres. Enlargement does not appear to be an issue.

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.