MEMORANDUM

Date: August 23, 2018

To: Transfer 82623

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Right 27-7015 was licensed in 1976. The license described two points of diversion in Section 19, T01S, R37E. In 2000, the City of Basalt filed transfer 5774 to change the location of one of its two wells to the NWSW of Section 20. The transfer was approved. The City's pending SRBA claim for right 27-7015 should have been amended, recommended, and decreed based on the transfer approval. Unfortunately, the SRBA partial decree was issued based on the original license rather than approved transfer 5774. The purpose of this transfer is to correct that error.

Authority to File:
IDWR records show the applicant as the current owner of the right being transferred. Bingham County taxlot data shows that the City owns both well lots. The application was signed by the mayor, who is authorized to sign on behalf of the municipality.

Water Right Validity:
Right 27-7015 was decreed in the SRBA in 2007. WMIS records show that the primary well, located in SESE section 19, was used in 2017. There is no well use data for prior years. There was no WMIS data for the backup well located in NWSW section 20. There is no evidence of forfeiture.

Injury to Other Water Rights:
Other water rights should not be impacted by the proposed change because the total authorized to be diverted under the rights will not increase. The current and proposed well locations are all within the same ESPA model cell, so an ESPA model run is not required. There is no evidence that the proposed change will reduce the quantity of water available to other water rights. The proposed point of diversion has been in place since 1999. The transfer application will not require public notice, since it is based on a previously approved transfer and no physical change is contemplated. This transfer was filed simply to correct a clerical error in the SRBA. 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 and volume will not increase as a result of the transfer.

Local Public Interest:
No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:
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.