

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 15, 2018
To: Transfer 82292
From: Jeff Nield
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to combine and rearrange the place of use of water rights 31-2406A and 31-12073 into a single 295.4-acre place of use, and list both connected wells as points of diversion on both water rights.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the water rights. Jefferson County taxlot data also shows the applicant as the owner of the current and proposed place of use. The transfer application was signed by Dan Owen, who has been given authorization in an approval letter received from Coalt Inc. to sign and make changes on the application.

Water Right Validity:

The rights proposed to be transferred were decreed in the SRBA in 2002. Aerial photos for 2004, 2009, 2011, and 2015 confirm continuous use of the water rights. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change. The place of use is simply being rearranged to reflect the irrigation system. The separate points of diversion have been an interconnected system since 2010, and both points of diversion will be listed on the water rights to reflect that they are interconnected. No protests were submitted during the advertisement period. The watermaster will have the opportunity to review the application prior to transfer approval. An ESPA transfer tool analysis is not necessary since the additional point of diversion is within the same model cell.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change will not result in enlargement of use under the rights.

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.