

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 26, 2017

To: Transfer 81162

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer was initially filed in order to change the point of diversion from the Palisades Canal heading to an existing pump on the Snake River. The transfer was later amended to add a point of diversion so that the applicant could use the pump or the canal for delivery of the right.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the water right, and county taxlot data shows the applicant as the owner of the place of use and the additional point of diversion.

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 be diverted through either the Palisades Canal or a pump on the Snake River, but the quantity authorized to be diverted under the right will not change as a result of the transfer. There are conveyance losses associated with the delivery of this water right in the current ditch system. However, when the pump is in use the applicant will leave no less than 1.15 cfs in the canal to offset conveyance losses.

The watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval, as long as delivery is limited to times water is available at the original point of diversion. The application was advertised and no protests were filed.

Enlargement of Use:

This transfer will not result in enlargement because neither the diversion rate nor the number of acres authorized for irrigation will increase. This right is currently diverted from Palisades Creek via the Palisades Canal. In order to prevent enlargement, a condition will be added to the right limiting diversion from the additional point of diversion to those times when the right can be delivered at the current point of diversion on Palisades Creek.

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.