

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 1, 2017

To: Transfer 81594

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer changes the point of diversion and place of use of a portion of right 35-2576B in order to irrigate 25 acres within a nearby subdivision. Currently the subdivision only has ground water for inside use (permit 35-13522). Companion transfer 81596 changes the Butte & Market Lake Canal Co. boundary so that the 25 acres currently irrigated with ground water can be irrigated with the canal shares currently associated with the subdivision. The applicant will also withdraw protested application 35-14474 when these transfers are approved.

Authority to File:

The applicant does not own the water right, but the application includes a copy of an agreement he has with the water right owner to pursue the transfer. The water right will be conveyed from the current owner to the applicant after the transfer is approved.

Water Right Validity:

The right included in this transfer was decreed in the SRBA in 2002. Review of post-decree photography confirms regular irrigation of the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

An ESPA model run is not required because the proposed well and the current well are located within the same model cell. Other rights will not be injured by the proposed change because the quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. The application was advertised and no protests were filed. The Water District 120 Watermaster reviewed the application and did not oppose its approval.

Enlargement of Use:

The total acreage authorized to be irrigated before and after the split will not change. The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the total acreage, diversion rate, and volume authorized for irrigation under these rights will not increase.

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.