

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 5, 2017
To: Transfer 81527
From: Michael Holliday
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Sugar City has an existing municipal delivery system that includes 5 wells. The purpose of this transfer is to change the location of well #5 from T7N R40E S33 SESW to T6N R40E S4 Lot 2.

During review of right no. 22-4009, I discovered that the priority date for the right had been advanced one day due to a programming glitch in the transfer tool. The error is clearly seen on the approval document of transfer 80313, approved in 2015. On page 1, the priority date is 6/1/1939, but on page 4 the priority date shown is 6/2/1939. The error will be corrected through approval of this transfer.

Authority to File:

IDWR records show the applicant as the current owner of the rights being transferred. The applicant provided a copy of an agreement granting legal access to the proposed well lot. The application was signed by the mayor, who is authorized to sign on behalf of the municipality.

Water Right Validity:

Right 22-7662 was licensed in 1999. Rights 22-4009 and 22-7153 were decreed in the SRBA in 2007. All three of these rights were included in approved transfer 80313, which was approved less than 2 years ago. The rights included in this transfer are valid.

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. New well #5 is less than a half mile from the current location of well #5 and is in an adjacent 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 transfer application was advertised and no protests were filed. The Water District 100 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 will not increase as a result of the transfer.

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.