

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 8, 2016
To: Transfer 80970
From: Blake Jordan
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change the place of use for water rights 34-644F, 34-780I and 34-2323E. Department records incorrectly describe the number of acres irrigated in the NESW and SESW of 06N, 25E, Section 7. The applicant seeks to correct the legal description error.

It is important to note that aerial photography does not align properly with the PLSS causing the proposed place of use to look inaccurate. The proposed place of use is based on the PLSS.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights per IDWR record and owner of the proposed place of use per owners policy (February, 2016 ownership change).

Water Right Validity:

These water rights were decreed in 2002. Aerial photography available to the Department shows the 4.1 acres to be un-irrigated. According to the applicant, he purchased the property in 2015 and does not know when the water was used last. Since the applicant merely seeks to correct the place of use to reflect the actual place the water right should be used forfeiture will not be addressed at this time.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

These water rights are regulated by Water District 34. The watermaster does not oppose the transfer. This transfer will be processed with no advertisement. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified.

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.