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June 3, 2016

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RE: Application for Transfer No(s). 80793

Dear Applicant(s):
Enclosed is a copy of a protest(s) filed against the approval of Transfer No(s). 80793. As part of the application process, the following options are available for the resolution of contested (protested) applications:

-Direct contact with the protestant(s) to determine the nature of the protest(s) and to attempt to resolve the protest. Sincere conversation between the parties prior to initiation of formal proceedings can often resolve protest(s).

-Formal proceedings administered by the department pursuant to the transfer of a water right. A pre-hearing conference identifies the protestant's concerns and reviews the resolution possibilities with the parties. If the concerns cannot be resolved, a formal hearing will be scheduled.

-Mediation through a certified professional mediator can reduce costs and time that are associated with formal proceedings, present the opportunity to address non-water concerns, provide influence over a final settlement, and fast track the processing of the application if a mediated agreement is reached. If you are interested in this option, please contact our office for details.

We need to schedule a pre-hearing conference on the above matter. I am requesting you to let me know your **UNAVAILABILE** dates for June and July, 2016. **Please list your unavailable dates during June and July, 2016 on the calendars that are enclosed. Please return your calendars no later than June 10, 2016 (Note, you may scan and email the calendars or just send me your unavailable dates to: Sharla.cox@idwr.idaho.gov**

You may contact this office if you have any questions regarding the procedure

discussed in this letter or additional information about water rights and other matters administered by this agency is available on the Internet at www.idwr.idaho.gov.

Sincerely,

James Cefalo
Water Resources Program Manager

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PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AND/OR HEARING PROCEDURE APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER

ISSUES

Applications for transfer are filed for the purpose of changing a point of diversion, purpose of use, period of use or nature of use of all or part of a licensed, decreed or statutory water right. Section 42-222, Idaho Code, identifies the following potential issues that the department can consider in connection with an application for transfer:

1. Will the proposed transfer reduce the quantity of water under existing Water Rights?
2. Will the proposed transfer constitute an enlargement in use of the original right?
3. Will the proposed transfer be contrary to the conservation of water resources within the State of Idaho?
4. Will the proposed transfer conflict with the local public interest, where local public interest is defined as interests that the people in the area directly affected by a proposed water use and its potential effects on the public water source?
5. Will the proposed transfer adversely affect the local economy of the watershed or local area within which the source of water for the proposed use originates, in the case where the place of use is outside of the watershed or local area where the source of water originates?
6. If the proposed transfer is for a municipal use, is it necessary to provide reasonably anticipated future needs for a municipal service area and is the planning horizon consistent with Sections 42-222 and 42-202B, Idaho Code?
7. Will the proposed transfer change the nature of use from an agricultural use, and would such a change significantly affect the agricultural base of the local area?

BURDEN OF PROOF

The applicant has the initial burden of proof for issues 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 above and must provide evidence for the department to evaluate these criteria.

The initial burden of proof on issues 4, if applicable, lies with both the applicant and protestant as to factors of which they are most knowledgeable and cognizant. The applicant has the ultimate burden of persuasion, however, for these issues.

PROCEDURE

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CONFERENCE

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HEARING

A hearing may be conducted according to Sections 42-1701A(1) and (2), Idaho Code and the department's Rules of Procedure. Copies of Idaho Code and the department's rules are available upon request or by accessing the department's website at: www.idwr.idaho.gov. The department records formal hearings, and copies of a hearing recording are available upon request. There may be a charge for reproducing the recording.

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