

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 2, 2016
To: Transfer 79778
From: Nick Van Dyke
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Narrative: Transfer 79778 proposes to record/combine all current wells providing municipal water for the City of Meridian under all of the City's municipal rights for flexibility. Priority dates on the rights range from 1910 to 2009. No new wells are proposed under this transfer. No other changes proposed.

Water bearing zone remarks: Multiple rights involved in this transfer application were conditioned with varying water bearing zones as part of the permitting process. Considering these permits were licensed, conditions of these permits were met. Based on current administration in Basin 63 the water bearing zone does not need to be restricted/listed since the wells involved in the transfer fall outside of the Basin 63 ground water restricted area or slightly within. Those wells falling within the boundary show well construction of pulling water less than 200 feet unlikely. Per supervisor instruction, water bearing zone conditions have been removed. Additionally right no. 63-31630 contained a condition on the construction of the points of diversion (Meridian well nos. 25 & 28, see map in application filing for reference). These two points are outside of the Basin 63 ground water restricted area. This condition will also be removed.

Note Charles Honsinger of Honsinger Law PLLC is counsel on current City of Meridian water right records. Though not listed on the transfer application, Mr. Honsinger is notified/listed on subsequent correspondence as the application process continued.

Authority to File: Thomas Barry, public works director for the City, signed the application. Ed Squires of Hydrologic Inc. has been acting as consultant for the applicant.

Water Right Validity: All 26 water rights involved in the transfer have been decreed or licensed. No evidence of forfeiture found.

Injury to Other Water Rights: None anticipated thru standard analysis.. Application was advertised and a protest was received from Nampa Meridian Irrigation District (NMID). Protest was withdrawn per notice dated January 12, 2016.

Enlargement of Use: None anticipated.

Local Public interest: No public issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No negative impacts anticipated.

Effect on Economy the Local Area: N/A

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area: N/A

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.