

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 19, 2015
To: Transfer 79680- 79679
From: Jana Reeder
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

Transfer proposes converting a 17.1 acre portion of two irrigation rights from a farm located approximately 5.5-6.0 mi. west and 1.5-2.0 mi. south of the center of Wendell to an existing dairy located approximately 5.0-5.5.0 mi. west and 1.5-2.0 mi. south of the center of Wendell (intersection of Main and HWY 46). Transfer will allow for the diversion of up to 0.32 cfs and 68.4 AFA from an existing well for uses associated with the dairy facility.

The transfer will allow 17.1 acres of historical corn acres to be dried up and moved to the dairy facility. The acre to volume conversion was based on the average IR value of 2.29 afa/acre in the Wendell area. The applicant's analysis reflects the 80% portion of water right 36-7547F that is currently in the bank. It appears that 20% of water right 36-7547F has been forfeited.

The properties and points of diversion are located within the ESPA and Water District 130 so water master comments will be required.

Note, it is the intent of the applicants to take the portions of the water rights out of the Water Supply Bank after transfer approval. The leftover portion will remain in the Bank. Companion Transfer 78980 was filed with this transfer and will be processed at the same time.

- **Authority to File:**

The Department's database indicates that water rights 36-7377F and 36-7547F are owned by Southfield Properties, LLC. Also the lien holder box on the application was checked and a letter from Met Life (they are not listed as security interest on the water rights) was submitted with the application giving their consent for the transfer.

- **Water Right Validity:**

Water rights 36-7377F and 36-7547F were partially decreed in the SRBA on April 26, 2002. Both rights are currently in the Water Supply Bank and will be taken out upon final approval.

- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**

None anticipated or foreseen.

- **Enlargement of Use:**

• None anticipated or foreseen.

- **Local Public Interest:**

Application will be subject to public notice and protest.

- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**

Commercial and stockwater are recognized as a beneficial use of water.

- **Effect on the Economy of the Local Area:**

None Anticipated.

- Effect of the Agricultural Base of the Area:
None Anticipated.

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.