

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 10, 2015

To: Transfer 80313

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to add two points of diversion to an existing municipal delivery system in order to provide more consistent pressure and improve water distribution within Sugar City.

Authority to File:

IDWR records show the applicant as the current owner of the rights being transferred. 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. Review of post-decree Water District 100 measurement data shows use from all three existing points of diversion. The well associated with right 22-7662 appears to be the primary well. 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. The new wells are located within the immediate vicinity of the current points of diversion. One of the proposed wells is located in the same model cell as the three current wells. The other proposed well is in an adjacent cell. 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.

It should be noted that the points of diversion associated with rights 22-4009 and 22-7153 are currently described down to the 10-acre tract. On the application the wells were described to the 40-acre tract, which is the current standard. The applicant does not propose that those points of diversion be physically changed. I think it makes sense to use the current standard if the transfer is approved.

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.