

MEMORANDUM

Date: July 27, 2015
To: Transfer 80047
From: Kerrie Mathews
Re: Transfer Evaluation

Transfer No. 80047 proposes to change the place of use for water right 15-7175 and proposes to add a second point of diversion to the right. The applicant has been approached by the Samaria Recreation District to complete a land swap. A draft proposal between the Samaria Recreation District (SRD) and the MJ Davis Trust is attached to the transfer application. Davis will move 7.4 acres of water right 15-7175 from the ground to be traded to SRD to another location. SRD has filed an application for permit (15-7405) to cover the acres dried up under this transfer.

Authority to file:

The water right and the existing place of use are currently in the name of the MJ Davis Trust. The new place of use is owned by the Samaria Recreation District. Both points of diversion are owned by the MJ Davis Trust and will remain as the trust property.

Validity of the Water Right:

Water right 15-7175 was licensed on October 29, 2003. Aerial photography shows consistent irrigation and forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No injury to other water rights was identified. The application was advertised, Samaria Water and Irrigation Company initially protested the application but later withdrew their protest. There is no active water district in this area.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Review of the application finds there is not clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Section 42-222 Idaho Code preventing processing of this transfer application.