

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 2, 2015
To: Transfer 80006
From: Kerrie Mathews
Re: Transfer Evaluation

Transfer No. 80006 for water rights 34-2496, 34-301E and 34-301F proposes to combine the place of use for all of the rights and update the ownership of water right 34-301F.

Authority to file:

Water rights 34-301E and 34-2496 are in the name of the applicant, water right 34-301F is in the name of James Mathews. The property is currently in the name of the applicant and the application contains a chain of deeds from James Mathews to Rick and Jacqueline Reynolds.

Validity of the Water Right:

Water rights 34-2496 and 34-301F were decreed on December 14, 2001. Water right 34-301E was decreed on April 14, 1998. Aerial photography shows consistent irrigation. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No injury to other water rights was identified. An ESPA analysis was not conducted as the point of diversion for the ground water right is not changing. The application was not advertised. The water master for WD34 was notified of the transfer and did not oppose the transfer.

Enlargement:

Ground water right 34-2496 only authorizes 9 acres of irrigation. This right is being combined with surface rights for a total combined place of use of 104 acres. To prevent enlargement of the ground water right, it will be limited to a specific 9 acres within the 104 acre place of use described. Reynolds will be required to provide an initial shape for the 9 acre ground water right.

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.