

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 8, 2014

To: Transfer
79061

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The three rights included in this transfer were recently annexed into New Sweden Irrigation District. The purpose of the transfer is to change the place of use of these rights to the District service area.

Authority to File:

Department records show the applicant as the current owner of the rights. The transfer application was signed by the Chairman of the the Board, an authorized representative of the irrigation district.

Water Right Validity:

These rights were decreed in the SRBA in 2007. Post-decree aerial photography shows regular irrigation of the place of use since the time the partial decree was filed. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other rights will not be injured by the change. The proposed place of use will include all the irrigated lands assessed by the District. However, neither the points of diversion nor the quantity diverted will change as a result of the transfer. The transfer application was advertised and no protests were filed.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement of use. While the description of the place of use will change from a land list to a digital boundary, the number of acres authorized for irrigation under these rights will not increase. The 67 acres will simply be added to the existing acreage of the District, bringing the total to 27,987 acres.

There are no overlaps in the current place of use of these rights. Most of the place of use was annexed into the District and will, from this point forward, be irrigated with NSID rights. The remainder of the current place of use will either be dry or will be irrigated with water from related transfers 79060 and 79062. None of the rights included in the three transfers will be enlarged beyond what is currently authorized under each right.

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.