

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 1, 2013

To: Transfer
78683

From: Kerrie Mathews

Re: Transfer Evaluation

Transfer No. 78683 proposes to split 0.6 acres from water right 25-14364 and move this split portion to a new place of use with two new points of diversion. The remaining portion of water right 25-14364 will be updated to reflect the reduction of 0.6 acres.

Authority to file:

Water right 25-14364 is currently in the name of Kent Merrill. The current place of use is in the name of Ryan and Cala Alexander. The application included a gift deed releasing the ownership of 0.6 acres to Kent Merrill.

Validity of the Water Right:

Water right 25-14364 was licensed on January 29, 1997. Original irrigated ground has been developed into Valley Estates Subdivision. In 2010, IDWR granted an extension of time to avoid forfeiture to Kent Merrill for water right 25-14247 (a previous iteration of 25-14364). The water right is protected from forfeiture until June 2016. Therefore, 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 conducted, The change will not exceed the established mitigation threshold. The application was advertised, no protests were received. The watermaster for WD120 was notified of the transfer and does not oppose the transfer.

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.