

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 2, 2013
To: Transfer
78491
From: Kade Raymond
Re: Evaluation Memo

Transfer 78491 proposes to change the place of use for water rights 17-2026 and 17-2035. The applicant has changed his irrigation practice by installing pivots and is proposing to change the place of use of the above water rights to match what will be irrigated. There will be no change to point of diversion listed on the rights.

Water right 17-2026 was licensed in 1956. According to the field examiner, the right was for the irrigation of 293 acres. This value was inadvertently omitted from the department's water right records. The 293-acre limit described on the water right license was included as part of this transfer.

The application for water right 17-2026 included domestic use as an authorized beneficial use. There is no evidence that the domestic use was developed under the water right. The water right license does not refer to domestic use. Domestic was incorrectly listed as a authorized use in the department water right database. Domestic was removed from water right 17-2026 as part of the transfer.

There was no season of use listed on the original water rights; this was added as 4/01 to 10/31 during the transfer process.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of all of the above mentioned water rights per IDWR record. The applicant is the owner of the proposed POU based on current tax lot data. There are no lien holders on this property.

Water Right Validity:

Based on 2011 aerial photography at least 453 acres are currently being irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The water rights are not located within a water district. Because the point of diversion for the rights is not changing, there is no apparent hydrologic impact. Will process without advertising. No injury issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

No issues identified.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.