

MEMORANDUM

Date: May 02, 2006
To: Transfer 72685
From: dcarlson
Re: transfer evaluation

This transfer proposes to move 1.7 acres of ground water right 34-2391A to Rothwells own land so they can irrigate a lawn at a new house site. This ground water right was tied with BLR water rights at the old place of use.. The surface rights are rarely delivered in this location in the river. When the BLR rights are delivered they are charged a shrink. 5.6 cfs could be reduced to by 50% which would leave enough water for 140 acres at the field headgate. The Ground water right would be the primary rights to the rest of the old place of use and in some cases the entire place of use. Transfer 72686 moves a portion of the same water right to another place of use. The shrink factor came from the watermaster during the Adjudication process.

Authority to File:

Applicant Rothwell provided tax notices and is the owner of record as far as SRBA decree.

I talked to the lienholder Farm loan officer Curtis Warner numerous times and he is ok with this transfer. He gave a written ok.

Water Right Validity:

This water right was decree in the SRBA in 2001. 2004 photos show the pou irrigated. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Outside the ESPA area. not in the old ESPA model grid.

no further analysis is needed.

Transfer will be advertised to determine any protests.

Enlargement of Use:

There is no evidence of enlargement of use. The old place of use will be reduced by 1.7 acres, including all the Big Lost River water rights.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.