

Comment Report

Application ID 71909

1. jstanton 5/11/2005 8:12:52 AM Special Administration Area Notes

Comment: Special Administration Areas : Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer

Exempt: N

Reason:

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Explanation:

Special Administration Areas : Magic Valley GW District

Exempt: N

Reason:

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2. jstanton 5/11/2005 8:16:11 AM Additional Information Notes

Comment: Reviewed by Adjudication Staff: N/A

Mitigation Plan or acceptance form: N/A

Municipal Rights Anticipated Horizon Information: N/A

3. jstanton 5/11/2005 Comment/Analysis

Comment: Several years ago, we approved a transfer that moved 98 acres of water from land outside of pivots from the Stevenson farm to the Steve Young farm just south of Stevenson. Young leased the water, but that lease has expired. This transfer just moves the water back to the Stevenson land where it was originally decreed/licensed. This seems pretty simple, so the transfer should be approvable with standard conditions. Dean told me that Young will move other water rights to the land in Sec. 32.

Authority To File: The applicants are the owners of record for the rights already appurtenant to the proposed pou. They will get a written release from Steve Young for the rights now in his name.

Water Right Validity: These rights have been decreed or licensed, and have been used continuously since then. Forfeiture does not appear to be an issue.

Injury To Other Rights: The previous transfer was approved without any mitigation review, since the Snake River Effects Model was not available then. The From well for the 98 acres is in the same model cell as the west To well, and the east To well is either in the same cell or is just a hair north of the cell line. So it does not appear that any meaningful calculations can be performed to determine possible effects of the proposed transfer. Any effects should logically be within the 5% allowed.

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Enlargement of Use: None requested.

Local Public Interest: No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources: No issues identified.

Review of the application finds that there is no clear inconsistency with criteria set forth in Sec. 42-222 I. C. preventing processing. At least prior to advertising, no other issues have been identified that would require further review or submittal of additional data by the applicant.

4. jstanton 5/11/2005 Legal Notice Remarks

Comment: A previous transfer moved water from 98 acres on the Stevenson farm to land owned by Steve Young due to a lease arrangement. The lease has now ended, so the water is being moved back to the original property. The two existing wells on the Stevenson farm will again provide water for all of his original acres. The farm is located 17 miles north of Rupert and 4-6 miles west of Meridian Road (about 5 miles NW of Norland). The To and From wells appear to be in the same cell of the Snake River Effects Model, or very close to it, so no mitigation plan has been requested by IDWR or proposed by the applicants.

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