

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 8, 2024
To: Transfer 88586
From: Scott Stosich
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

The purpose of this transfer is to change the point of diversion for water rights 13-8028 and 13-8029. The point of diversion will change from a canal to a pump station.

Authority to File:

The applicant, Read Lane Irrigation Co, is the owner of record for both rights. The application was signed by John Rowley, registered agent for Read Lane Irrigation Co.

Water Right Validity:

The original water rights were listed in the Dietrich Decree in 1920 and were included in Transfer 82899. Transfer 82899 was approved in 2019. 2021 aerial photography shows active irrigation at the place of use. No apparent forfeiture issues.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

There is no apparent injury to other water rights due to the proposed changes. The point of diversion is being moved one half mile downstream of the current point of diversion, and the quantity authorized to be diverted will not change as a result of the transfer. There are no other points of diversion between the existing and proposed points of diversion.

The existing point of diversion is a shared ditch. Water rights 13-971 and 13-972A, held by Preston Riverdale Canal Company, are diverted at the existing point of diversion. This ditch, however, is one of three authorized points of diversion for the company. According to diversion records from Water District 11, Preston Riverdale Canal Company rarely diverts at the shared ditch. The company generally diverts from its other two points of diversion. Preston Riverdale Canal Company did not divert any water from the shared ditch from 2018 to 2023. Therefore, there are no injury concerns with moving water rights 11-8028 and 11-8029 out of the shared ditch. The watermaster for water district 11 was contacted and no comments were received. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed change does not appear to result in enlargement because neither the rate, volume or irrigated acres will increase as a result of the transfer. The service boundary for Read Lane will continue to be limited to the decreed acreage of acres.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

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.