

MEMORANDUM

Date: June 25, 2024
To: Transfer 88979
From: James Cefalo
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion to six municipal rights held by the City of American Falls. The added point of diversion is a proposed new ground water well to be completed in a city park and tied into the American Falls municipal delivery system.

Authority to File: City of American Falls is the current owner of record for all of the rights. Application was signed by Rebekah Sorensen, mayor of American Falls.

Water Right Validity: Water rights were decreed in 2004. Water right 29-8171 was licensed in 2009. There is no clear and convincing evidence of forfeiture.

Injury to Other Water Rights: No issues identified. The City's water rights include three points of diversion in Section 13, T08S, R31E, six miles southeast of the city service area. These three points of diversion are shallow ground water wells which capture flow in the Sunbeam Springs complex. Proposed well is located within the city limits, approximately 3/4 mile from three of the existing city wells.

Using 2023 data, I estimated the location of the weighted centroid for the City's diversion, including the pumping from the shallow wells in Section 13. The weighted centroid is located in model cell R95C100. The proposed point of diversion is in an adjacent model cell R94C99. Therefore, the applicant was not required to provide an ESPA Transfer Tool analysis. Watermaster for Water District 120 does not oppose the transfer. The Department published notice of the application and no protest was filed.

Enlargement of Use: No issues identified.

Local Public interest / 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.