

MEMORANDUM

Date: September 7, 2023
To: Transfer 88292
From: Bill Mills
Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency Memorandum

Application proposes changing the points of diversion, place of use, nature of use and period of use for a 455.3 acre, 8.78 cfs irrigation ground water right. Current place of use and point of diversion are located east of the Friedman Memorial Airport and Hwy 75 in south Hailey. The proposed change of nature of use will be from irrigation to municipal use and will be diverted from the City of Hailey's network of six municipal wells and the place of use will be the city's municipal service area. A seventh proposed new well will be located in the NWNW of Section 10, Township 02N, Range 18E.

The change in nature of use analysis from irrigation to municipal use examined acre to volume conversion utilizing the precipitation deficit (Pdef) value for turf grass utilizing data from the Hailey weather station as calculated on the University of Idaho's ETIdaho website. The provided analysis indicated the calculated Pdef of 1.85 af/ac. As a result, the volume of this water right will be reduced from 1593.5 af/year to 842.5 af/year as a municipal ground water right.

This water right (37-22019) is currently leased to the Water Supply Bank (WSB). The applicant's indicated it will remain in the WSB until the lease expires on 12/31/2025. The water right is also currently rented from the WSB, and those rental contracts expire in 10/31/2023 (Rental ID #514) and 12/31/2023 (Rental ID #564). As such, the transfer application cannot be approved prior to the expiration of the rental contracts.

All wells and POUs in the transfer are located within water District 37. Watermaster comments were solicited and the Watermaster did not oppose approval of the application.

- **Authority to File:** Applicant is listed as the current owner of the water right.
- **Water Right Validity:** The water right in this transfer was decreed in the SRBA on 4/1/2010. Recent aerial imagery indicates the associated grounds appear to be irrigated.
- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**
None anticipated.

- **Enlargement of Use:**

There is a decrease in volume as a result of the change in nature of use process which precludes potential enlargement of the changed portion of the water right.

- **Local Public Interest:**

No issues anticipated.

- **Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:**

Proposed use is recognized as a beneficial use of water.

- **Effect on the Economy of the Local Area:**

None Anticipated.

- **Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Economy:**

None Anticipated.

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.