

Date: August 4, 2024

To: File 97-7408

From: Craig L. Saxton

Re: Recommended as licensed

On June 20, 2024, Sandy Thiel reached out to the claimant of 97-7408 through the claimants email of weldersranch@gmail.com, to ask for additional information about the irrigation storage location and the irrigated place of use.

Joshua Yates, on behalf of the claimant, responded and identified the current POD and POU locations. The system as described by Joshua Yates, does not match the elements of license 97-7408.

License 97-7408 (or amended license in this case), was issued on 9/25/2009, which is after January 1, 2006. The changes to water right 97-7408 described by Mr. Yates cannot be recognized through the accomplished transfer process. The claimant will need to file a transfer with IDWR to correct the elements of license 97-7408. IDWR will recommend claim 97-7408 consistent with the license.

Below describes how the shapefiles representing the elements of the recommendation were determined:

- 1 acre of irrigation was identified within the licensed QQ (for the most part – the QQ/PLS/Imagery are all inconsistent so it is hard to know where the real PLS line is).
- The POD shapes for the recommendation were copied from the water right layer. However, they still don't actually fall within the PLS identified on the license/recommendation. The spatial points for the POD's fall in the NENW and SENW even though the license describes them as being in the SWNE & NWNE. I don't know if the spatial locations were never placed in the right PLS location, or if the QQ lines adjusted. None-the-less, the spatial points representing the point of diversion were recommendation consistent with the license even though they don't match the PLS description on the license/recommendation.

To add to the confusion, according to Mr. Yates, the actual POD locations are both in the NWNE of Section 20.

- The IRRIGATION STORAGE pond location shape is placed to match the PLS description on the license SENW, and SWNE, but doesn't match the real world location which is actually about 300 feet to the north within the NWNE and NENW. I would have used the shape for the IRRIGATION STORAGE from the water right layer, but it is just a nominal.

In summary:

- Claim 97-7408 was recommended as licensed

- The spatial representations of the elements of the recommendation do not exactly match the PLS descriptions on the license/recommendation.
- The actual locations of the POD and POD do not match the license/recommendation.
- A transfer is required to recognize the changes that have occurred after license 97-7408 was issued.