

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 27, 2025

To: Transfer #87659, Eccles Window Rock Ranch, LLC file

From: Jim Bitzenburg (9/12/2024) & Corey Skinner (4/27/2025)

Re: Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information Submitted

Application for transfer proposes to change the place of use (POU) of, the points of diversion (POD) of, and add PODs to all of irrigation ground water right 37-22547 (1.40 cfs, 122.5 AF, 35.0 acres), and a portion of irrigation ground water right 37-22546 (0.56 cfs, 49.0 AF, 14.0 acres). Currently, the two rights irrigate 65.0 acres located approximately 0.3 to 1.0 mile south and 0.3 to 0.5 mile west of the intersection of State Highway 75 and Gannett Road in Bellevue. Post transfer, the transferred portions (1.96 cfs) will irrigate 49.0 acres located approximately 1.6 to 1.9 miles north and 1.0 to 1.4 miles west of Bellevue. The PODs will change from two wells located within the current POU to four existing wells located from approximately 0.3 mile northeast to 1.4 miles northwest of the proposed POU.

This transfer is a companion to transfers 87653, 87657, 87658, and 87660, which propose moving rights and portions of rights from land south of Bellevue to land north of Bellevue and moving other rights from the land north of Bellevue back to the south.

Consent agreements allowing water rights to be transferred off of and on to the properties were signed by all parties involved in the water right ownership changes leading up to this transfer and are included in the transfer documents.

The transfer is in Water District 37, so Watermaster comments were solicited and the Watermaster had no comments regarding the application. The transfer and companion transfers were advertised, and protests were filed. However, the protests have been resolved &/or withdrawn so final processing can continue.

- **Authority to File:**

The Department's database indicates that the transfer water rights are owned by the applicant, Eccles Window Rock Ranch, LLC. The application was signed by Mark Reinemann, who has been granted Limited Power of Attorney (POA) in water right matters by Eccles Window Rock Ranch, LLC. The document granting the POA was included in the transfer application.

- **Water Right Validity:**

The water rights were decreed in the SRBA, and ample irrigation is evident at the current POU, so forfeiture is likely not an issue.

- **Injury to Other Water Rights:**

None anticipated or foreseen.

- **Enlargement of Use:**

None anticipated.

- **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 of the Agricultural Base of the Area:**
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.