

MEMORANDUM

Date: November 18, 2025
To: Transfer 90107
From: McKenna Webster
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to add a point of diversion for water rights 33-14883, 33-14885, 33-14887, and 33-14889.

Authority to File:

The applicant is the current owner of water rights. As a result of a past divorce, the applicant's surname changed from Drussel to Harrell. A divorce decree has been provided as supporting documentation for the name change. Accordingly, the ownership records for water rights 33-14883, 33-14885, 33-14887, and 33-14889 will be updated to reflect this change. Butte county parcel data shows that the applicant is the owner of the property at the proposed place of use. A consent document from the owners of the proposed point of diversion was provided.

Water Right Validity:

Water rights were decreed in the SRBA in 2000. Aerial imagery and Google earth suggest irrigation of the place of use in 2023 and 2024. The applicant provided information about how the land was irrigated prior to 2022. A bubbler system was in place to irrigate the place of use. However, because the land wasn't perfectly level, the bubbler system wasn't able to sufficiently water the crops. Currently the applicant uses a wheel line to irrigate the place of use. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The current and proposed points of diversion are within the ESPA area of common ground water supply. Both points of diversion are within the same ESPA model cell. ESPA analysis is not required. The transfer application was advertised, and no protests were received. Watermaster comment was requested, but no comment was given.

Enlargement of Use:

The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the authorized diversion rate, volume, and acreage will not increase because of the transfer.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Effect on Economy of the Local Area:

No issues identified.

Effect on Agricultural Base of the Local Area:

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.