

MEMORANDUM

Date: October 2, 2024
To: Transfer 88654
From: Nick Miller
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

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This transfer will change the nature of use for a portion of water rights 63-199B, and 63-200B and also records an updated place of use for the Nampa & Meridian Irrigation District (NMID). NMID is in the process of annexing 400 additional acres to be served by the Simplot/Micron diversion from the Surprise Valley Pumping Station. The transfer proposes to increase the diversion rate authorized at the Surprise Valley diversion from 26.56 to 34.56 cfs CFS.. Water is available for this annexation because of exclusions exceeding 400 acres pursuant to chapter 11, title 43, Idaho Statute.

This transfer also updates the conditions on water rights 63-198AJ, 63-199B, 63-200B, and 63-30181.

The application was protested by Elmore County, who withdrew the protest unconditionally on September 9, 2024.

This application, if taken in isolation, would require significant evaluation to ensure compliance with criteria of Section 42-222, Idaho Code, this proposal follows on the heels of previous approvals that have included conditions to address concerns about enlargement, injury, etc. See the backfiles for previous transfers on these water rights for more comprehensive discussion on these topics.

Authority to File:

NMID is the applicant and owns the water rights according to IDWR water right data. The proposed land to be annexed is owned by Micron Technology according to Ada County parcel data (updated 1/10/2024). The proposed place of use is overlapped with existing Micron water rights.

Water Right Validity:

Water Rights 63-198AJ, 63-199B, 63-200B, and 63-30181 were decreed on 03/30/2011.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

No issues identified.

Enlargement of Use:

Water is available for use on the annexed land as a result of exclusions within NMID that exceed 400 acres. Conditions of approval limiting consumptive use, annual reporting, and diversion limitations related to diversions at the Ridenbaugh Canal also address the potential for enlargement.

Local Public interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use/Conservation of Water Resources:

No issues identified.

Effect on Economy 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.