

MEMORANDUM

Date: March 5, 2026
To: Transfer 90268
From: McKenna Webster
Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer proposes to change and add points of diversion, change nature of use, place of use, and period of use for a 11.6-acre portion of water right 35-7449B. The applicant is obtaining additional water for municipal use to accommodate growth within the established service area. The applicant will utilize existing ground water wells for the points of diversion.

Authority to File:

Purchase and sale agreements between the current owner of the water rights and the applicant were provided. Upon approval of this transfer, the water right will be conveyed to the applicant, after which an ownership change application will be filed. According to IDWR records, the applicant is a municipal provider in Bonneville County. The Idaho Secretary of State website shows Thomas Puttman as an authorized signer on behalf of Falls Water Co Inc.

Water Right Validity:

The water right was decreed in 2002. Aerial imagery shows regular irrigation of the place of use for over a decade. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

The current and proposed points of diversion are located within the ESPA. An ESPA analysis was completed using the weighted centroid method. According to the analysis, mitigation is not required. The transfer application was advertised, and no protests were received. The watermaster for Water District 120 does not oppose the application. No injury identified.

Enlargement of Use:

To prevent enlargement, the volume being transferred is limited to the historical consumptive use associated with this water right. According to the applicant's nature-of-use change analysis, the historical consumptive use is 2.82 acre-feet per acre. The proposed changes will not result in enlargement because the authorized diversion rate and volume 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.