

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 9, 2026

To: Transfer 90156

From: Michael Holliday

Re: Review & Evaluation of Sufficiency of Information

This transfer seeks to add a well to the City of Lava Hot Springs municipal system and to include all four points of diversion on each of the City's water rights. Rights 29-8056 and 29-13297 do not currently have a digital boundary. The transfer will link those rights to a digital boundary, and the service area will be updated in the transfer.

Authority to File:

The City is the current owner of the water rights in the transfer. The applicant provided a copy of an access easement and option to purchase real estate agreement at the proposed location of the new well. The application was signed by Vicky Lyon, who is authorized to sign on behalf of the City.

Water Right Validity:

Right 29-4229 and 29-7346 were decreed in the SRBA in 2004, and rights 29-8056 and 29-13297 were licensed in 1998 and 2012 respectively. The applicant provided recent water use data for each of the three existing wells. Forfeiture is not an issue.

Injury to Other Water Rights:

Other water rights should not be impacted by the proposed changes. The transfer was advertised and no protests were received. The Water District 129 Watermaster was notified of the proposed transfer but did not provide comment.

Enlargement of Use:

Rights 29-7346 and 29-13297 are currently diverted from the "church well" located in government lot 3 of section 21. The church well has historically been used for irrigating 3.5 acres in a city park and for filling water trucks. Therefore, rights 29-7346 and 29-13297 will be limited to the historic use of 12.6 AF within the municipal service area in order to prevent enlargement.

Local Public Interest:

No issues identified.

Beneficial Use / Conservation of Water Resources:

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.