# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR OF OREGON DESCHUTES COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF CANCELLATION OF A	)	
PORTION OF A PERFECTED AND	)	FINAL ORDER
DEVELOPED WATER RIGHT IN THE NAME	)	
OF S. S. LOWERY	)	

The Water Resources Department (Department) received an affidavit from the owners of lands stating that they have abandoned the water right appurtenant to their land and requesting the cancellation of the certificate. Whenever the owner of a perfected and developed water right abandons the right, an order canceling the right shall be entered. The Water Resources Director has reviewed the affidavit and makes the following disposition of the request:

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

Everett Alan and Lorri Melton submitted to the Department an affidavit stating they are the owners of lands and the water right appurtenant as evidenced by Certificate 11562, State Record of Water Right Certificates. The affidavit further states a portion of the supplemental right appurtenant to the property has been abandoned and requests the certificate be canceled.

Certificate 11562 allows for the use of 1.52 cubic feet per second (cfs) of water from Swamp Creek, tributary to Squaw Creek, for supplemental irrigation of 76.0 acres in the NW¼ NW¼, SW¼ NW¼, and NW¼ SW¼, Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, W.M. The date of priority is December 6, 1935.

The portion of Certificate 11562 which has been abandoned is for the use of 0.09 cfs for supplemental irrigation of 4.5 acres; being 1.9 acres in the NW¼ NW¼ and 2.6 acres in the SW¼ NW¼, Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, W.M.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

ORS 540.621 directs the Commission to enter an order canceling a water right whenever the owner of a perfected and developed water right certifies under oath to the Commission that the water right has been abandoned and the owner desires to cancel the right.

# NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is an order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2).

Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-080 and OAR 690-01-005 you may either petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order.

Oregon Administrative Rule 690-017-0100 authorizes the Director of the Water Resources Department to issue an order, under authority delegated to him by the Commission, canceling a perfected and developed water right in accordance with the provisions of ORS 540.621 when so requested by notarized affidavit of the record owner of land to which a water right is appurtenant.

The Director of the Water Resources Department concludes that a portion of the right evidenced by Water Right Certificate 11562 has been abandoned in accordance with the provisions of ORS 540.621 and shall be canceled.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the portion of the water right described by Certificate 11562 for the use of 0.09 cfs for supplemental irrigation of 4.5 acres; being 1.9 acres in the NW¼ NW¼ and 2.6 acres in the SW¼ NW¼, Section 3, Township 15 South, Range 10 East, W.M., with a date of priority of December 6, 1935, is canceled.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Certificate 11562 is hereby canceled. The Department shall issue Certificate 79687, a new and superseding certificate, to describe the remaining portion of the perfected and developed water right NOT canceled by the provisions of this order.

Dated NOV 0 4 2002 .