# OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING AN
T-14051, DOUGLAS County	)	ADDITIONAL POINT OF DIVERSION AND
	)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

### Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of diversion, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implement the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

# **Applicant**

RONALD & JANICE WOOD 1575 GAZLEY ROAD MYRTLE CREEK, OR 97457

# **Findings of Fact**

- On July 22, 2022, Ronald and Janice Wood filed an application for an additional point of diversion and to change the place of use under Certificate 51758. The Department assigned the application number T-14051.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on August 2, 2022, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On February 11, 2021, the Department approved an application for an Instream Lease IL-1832 involving a portion of Certificate 51758 as evidenced in Special Order Volume 118, Page 557. The lease was exercised during the 2021 water use period ending on October 31, 2021. Instream Lease IL-1832 was terminated on March 7, 2022.

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, you may petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

- 4. On September 12, 2023, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-14051 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of October 12, 2023, for the applicants to respond. The applicants requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer.
- On February 27, 2024, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer T-14051 and mailed a copy to the applicant. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published on the Department's weekly notice on March 5, 2024, and in the Roseburg News Review newspaper on March 3rd and 10th pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4020. No protests were filed in response to the notice.
- The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate:

51758 in the name of DONALD W. LILJA (perfected under Permit S-37917)

Use:

**IRRIGATION OF 2.0 ACRES** 

Priority Date: MARCH 30, 1973

Rate:

0.025 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Limit/Duty:

The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 2.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of

each year.

Source:

SOUTH UMPQUA RIVER, tributary to UMPQUA RIVER

#### **Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Measured Distances
30 S	5 W	WM	22	SE SW	51	450 FEET NORTH AND 1580 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 22

#### Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres		
30 S	5 W	WM	22	NW NW	2.0		

7. Transfer Application T-14051 proposes an additional point of diversion approximately 1.5 mile downstream to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
30 S	5 W	WM	20	NE NE	1408 FEET SOUTH AND 723 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 20

8. Transfer Application T-14051 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	
30 S	5 W	WM	20	NE NE	2.0	

9. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has determined that a fish screen is necessary at the new point of diversion to prevent fish from entering the diversion and that the diversion is not currently equipped with an appropriate fish screen. This diversion may be eligible for screening cost-share funds.

# Transfer Review Criteria [OAR 690-380-0100(14), 690-380-4010(2) and 690-380-2110(2)]

- 10. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 11. A water delivery system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right was present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-14051.
- 12. The water right is subject to transfer as defined in ORS 540.505(4) and OAR 690-380-0100(14).
- 13. The proposed point of diversion diverts water from the same source of surface water as the authorized point of diversion, as required by OAR 690-380-2110(2).
- 14. The proposed changes, as conditioned, would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 15. The proposed changes, as conditioned, would not result in injury to other existing water right.
- 16. All other application requirements are met.

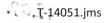
#### **Conclusions of Law**

The additional point of diversion and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-14051 are consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

#### Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The additional point of diversion and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-14051 are approved.

- 2. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 51758 and any related decree.
- Approval of this transfer application does not constitute nor grant legal access onto or through another person's property for purposes of accessing the new point of diversion and the new place of use.
- 4. Water right Certificate 51758 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
- 5. The quantity of water diverted at the new additional point of diversion, together with that diverted at the original point of diversion, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of diversion.
- Water shall be acquired from the same source of surface water as the original point of diversion.
- 7. The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.
- 8. Water use measurement conditions:
  - a. Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device, at each new point of diversion with the exception that water rights issued to the Bureau of Reclamation, or an irrigation district (or similar entity) are not subject to this condition.
  - b. The water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order.
  - c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meters or measuring devices are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- 9. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) may require the water user to install an approved fish screen at the new point of diversion within one year after receiving written notification that a fish screen is required. Once installed the water user shall maintain and operate the fish screen at the new point of diversion according to ODFW's operational and maintenance standards. If ODFW determines the screen is not functioning properly and is unsuccessful in working with the water user to meet ODFW standards, ODFW may request that OWRD regulate the use of water until OWRD receives notification from ODFW that the fish screen is functioning properly.



- 10. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2025**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the changes and full beneficial use of the water.
- 11. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

APR 1 9 2024

Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for

DOUGLAS E. WOODCOCK, ACTING DIRECTOR

Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: APR 2 2 2024