

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
FOR THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of the Completion of a Change) DETERMINATION OF SATISFACTORY PROOF
in Place of Use Under Transfer Application) OF COMPLETION FOR A PERMANENT
T-13407, Umatilla County) DISTRICT TRANSFER

Authority

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-385-7400 describes the documentation the district must file with the Department in order to provide proof of use.

OAR 690-385-7600 provides in pertinent part that satisfactory proof shall be (a) a determination by the Department that application of water to beneficial use under the terms of the transfer final order was completed to the extent authorized, or (b) a determination by the Department that the application of water to a beneficial use under the terms of the transfer final order was completed to an extent less than authorized.

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 540.530(2)(a) and OAR 690-385-7600 authorize the Department to issue or modify a certificate of water right upon satisfactory proof of completion of the change or changes authorized by a final order approving a permanent district transfer.

Applicant

WESTLAND IRRIGATION DISTRICT
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Findings of Fact

1. On January 26, 2021, the Department signed a final order, which was mailed on January 27, 2021, and recorded in Special Order Volume 118, Pages 406-410, approving Transfer Application T-13407 involving Certificates 76715, 76050, 76051, and 79439. The final order established October 1, 2022, as the date for completion of the authorized changes in place of use.
2. On May 1, 2024, the Department received a Claim of Beneficial Use (CBU) and associated maps from the applicant for Transfer Application T-13407 satisfying the requirements for providing proof of use under OAR 690-385-7400.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is a final order in other than 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 137-004-0080 you may either 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.

3. The Department reviewed the CBU and map(s) submitted by the applicant for Transfer Application T-13407.
4. The CBU did not contain a map of the point of diversion from the source. However, since the transfer involved the transfer of places of use only within an irrigation district and did not involve a change in the point of diversion, the existing maps on file with the Department are sufficient to identify the point of diversion from the source.
5. The proposed place of use for Certificate 76715 as approved by the final order for Transfer Application T-13407, and as recorded in Special Order Volume 118, Pages 406-411 is shown in Table 1, below:

Table 1:

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	G-Lot	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User
3 N	29 E	WM	18	NW NW	55.55	1.3	5300	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	29 E	WM	18	SW NW	55.85	5.0	5300	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
Total						6.3		

6. The proposed place of use for Certificate 76050 as approved by the final order for Transfer Application T-13407, and as recorded in Special Order Volume 118, Pages 406-411 is shown in Table 2, below:

Table 2:

IRRIGATION							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User
3 N	28 E	WM	13	NE SE	15.2	4190	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	28 E	WM	13	NW SE	1.2	4190	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	28 E	WM	13	SW SE	11.2	4190	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	28 E	WM	13	SE SE	29.0	4190	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
Total					56.6		

7. The proposed place of use for Certificate 76051 as approved by the final order for Transfer Application T-13407, and as recorded in Special Order Volume 118, Pages 406-411 is shown in Table 3, below:

Table 3:

IRRIGATION							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User
3 N	28 E	WM	13	SE NE	1.6	4100	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	28 E	WM	13	NE SE	12.6	100	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
Total					14.2		

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10. The proposed place of use for Certificate 79439 as approved by the final order for Transfer Application T-13407, and as recorded in Special Order Volume 118, Pages 406-411 is shown in Table 4, below:

Table 4:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	G-Lot	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User
3 N	28 E	WM	13	SE NE		1.6	4100	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	28 E	WM	13	NE SE		27.8	100	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	28 E	WM	13	NW SE		1.2	4190	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	28 E	WM	13	SW SE		11.2	4190	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	28 E	WM	13	SE SE		29.0	4190	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	29 E	WM	18	NW NW	55.55	1.3	5300	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
3 N	29 E	WM	18	SW NW	55.85	5.0	5300	DOUBLE M RANCH, INC
Total						77.1		

11. Based on the review of evidence submitted by the applicant, the Department finds that the application of water to beneficial use under the terms of the transfer final order for T-13407 was completed to the extent authorized in the transfer as described in Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, above.

Conclusions of Law

1. The Applicant has submitted proof of use pursuant to OAR 690-385-7400.
2. Application of water to a beneficial use under the terms of the transfer final order has been made to the extent shown in Tables 1, 2 3, and 4, above.
3. The applicant has demonstrated proof of completion under T-13407 to the satisfaction of the Department.
4. The Department is authorized to issue or modify certificates of water rights involved in transfer T-13407 consistent with this determination of satisfactory proof of completion.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. Water right Certificates 76715, 76050, 76051 and 79439 are modified as shown in Tables 1, 2, 3 and, 4, above. The Department will issue superseding certificates describing these rights when it determines it is necessary for record keeping.

Signed at Salem, Oregon on MAY 28 2024.

Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager for Douglas E. Woodcock, Acting Director Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing Date: MAY 29 2024