

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING
T-14378, Malheur County)	A DISTRICT PERMANENT TRANSFER FOR A
)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 540.570 to 540.580 establish the process in which a district may submit a request to transfer a water right within district boundaries. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 385 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating district transfer applications.

Applicant

RIDGEVIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT
PO BOX 67
HOMEDALE, ID 83628

Findings of Fact

1. On January 5, 2024, RIDGEVIEW IRRIGATION DISTRICT (RID) filed a district transfer application to permanently change the place of use under Certificate 81012. The Department assigned the application number T-14378.
2. Notice of the District Permanent Transfer Application was published on February 13, 2024, pursuant to ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4400. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation was notified of the transfer application on February 13, 2024; no comments were received within 90 days of the notification.
4. On March 12, 2024, RID submitted superseding correcting maps.
5. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:
Certificate: 81012 in the name of U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION (perfected under Permit S-8179)
Use: IRRIGATION of 28.10 acres

This final order in a contested case and 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(2) 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.

Within 20 days after this final order is issued (i.e., mailing date), the district or any protestant may file with the commission exceptions to the final order. The commission shall issue an order granting or denying the exceptions within 30 days after receiving the exceptions. ORS 540.580(10).

Priority Dates: FEBRUARY 14, 1916 & AUGUST 19, 1924 (Live Flow), and FEBRUARY 15, 1916, and AUGUST 20, 1924 (Stored Water)

Limit/Duty: The amount of water from direct flow of the Owyhee River used for irrigation shall be limited to 1/60th of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated and shall be further limited to 3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year. The amount of water from direct flow of the Owyhee River together with water store in Owyhee Reservoir and with the amount secured under any other water right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to a diversion of not to exceed 6.7 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: OWYHEE RIVER and OWYHEE RESERVOIR (constructed under Permit R-599), tributary to the SNAKE RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	LOT	Measured Distances
22 S	45 E	WM	21	NW SW	1	TUNNEL #1: 264 FEET SOUTH AND 495 FEET EAST FROM THE W¼ CORNER OF SECTION 21

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice
22 S	14 E	WM	14	SW NE	7.00	200	HAYHURST	2023-03
22 S	14 E	WM	14	NE NW	9.00	1800	HAYHURST	2023-03
22 S	14 E	WM	14	SE NW	3.50	1800	HAYHURST	2023-03
22 S	14 E	WM	14	NE SW	1.40	400	HOLMAN	2023-01
22 S	14 E	WM	26	NE NW	1.10	3300	THOMAS	2023-02
22 S	14 E	WM	26	NW NW	1.40	3300	THOMAS	2023-02
22 S	14 E	WM	26	SW NW	1.70	3300	THOMAS	2023-02
22 S	14 E	WM	26	SE NW	3.00	3300	THOMAS	2023-02
TOTAL					28.10			

6. Transfer Application T-14378 proposes to change the place of use to:

Proposed Place of Use:

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice
22 S	46 E	WM	11	SW SE	4.60	1800	HAYHURST	2023-03
22 S	46 E	WM	14	SW NE	1.00	200	HAYHURST	2023-03
22 S	46 E	WM	14	NE SW	5.00	300	HAYHURST	2023-03
22 S	46 E	WM	14	NW SE	7.40	200	HAYHURST	2023-03
22 S	46 E	WM	14	SW SE	1.50	700	HAYHURST	2023-03
22 S	46 E	WM	26	NW NE	0.20	3300	THOMAS	2023-02
22 S	46 E	WM	26	SW NE	2.30	3300	THOMAS	2023-02
22 S	46 E	WM	26	NE NW	0.90	3300	THOMAS	2023-02
22 S	46 E	WM	26	NW NW	2.00	3300	THOMAS	2023-02
22 S	46 E	WM	26	SE NW	1.80	3300	THOMAS	2023-02

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice
22 S	46 E	WM	36	SW NE	0.90	100	HOLMAN	2023-01
22 S	46 E	WM	36	SE NE	0.50	100	HOLMAN	2023-01
TOTAL					28.10			

7. The Department finds that the district permanent transfer application was submitted according to ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4000, contains the information required under OARs 690-385-4200 and 690-385-2000, and includes maps meeting the requirements of OARs 690-385-4300 and 690-385-2200.
8. The Department finds that the proposed district permanent transfer meets all the criteria set forth in ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4000.
9. The water right is subject to transfer as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(17).
10. The proposed change in place of use will not result in enlargement of the right as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(4).
11. The proposed change in place of use will not result in injury to other water rights as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(6).
12. Any other applicable requirements for district permanent water right transfers are met as required in OAR 690-385-4500.

Conclusions of Law

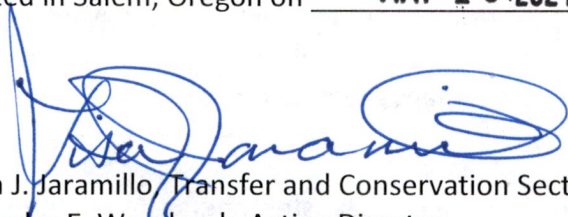
The proposed change in place of use as proposed in Transfer Application T-14378 comply with and satisfy the requirements of ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4500.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The proposed change in place of use to the water right evidenced by Certificate 81012 is approved.
2. The place of use from which the water right is transferred off by Transfer T-14378 shall no longer be irrigated and is cancelled from Certificate 81012.
3. The right to the use of the water at the place of use NOT modified by this order is restricted to beneficial and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 81012.
4. The water user shall maintain and operate the existing measurement device and shall make such improvements as may be required by the Department.
5. 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 shall be submitted by RID to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the changes and full beneficial use of the water.

6. Water right Certificate 81012 is modified. After satisfactory proof of completion has been determined by the Department, a superseding water right certificate will be issued when the Department determines it is necessary for record keeping.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on MAY 28 2024



Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for
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Mailing Date: MAY 29 2024