BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR OF OREGON

MALHEUR COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF JIM JOE AND NORMA CULBERTSON (VALE-OREGON IRRIGATION DISTRICT) FOR APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE OF WATER))))	ORDER APPROVING TRANSFER 5435
OF USE OF WATER	· -	

On February 7, 1984 an application was filed in the office of the Water Resources Director by Jim Joe and Norma Culbertson for approval of a change in place of use of water from Malheur River and Warmsprings Reservoir, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 540.510 to 540.530.

The certificate recorded at page 15719, Volume 13, State Record of Water Right Certificates, in the name of United States of America, Bureau of Reclamation, describes a right which includes the use of water from Malheur River and Warmsprings Reservoir for irrigation of 1.5 acres in NW 1/4 SE 1/4 and 10.5 acres in SW 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 44 East, WM, with dates of priority of May 10, 1926 and January 11, 1927.

These lands have a supplemental right from North Fork Malheur River and Agency Valley Reservoir under Certificate 15808.

Water for the said right is diverted, through the Vale-Oregon Canal, from a point located at Namorf, being within the SE 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 31, Township 16 South, Range 43 East, WM.

The applicants herein, owners of the lands above described, propose to transfer the water right therefrom to a certain 10.0 acres in SW 1/4 NE 1/4 and 2.0 acres in SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 16, Township 17 South, Range 44 East, WM.

Frank W. Elfering, Watermaster, has filed a statement to the effect that the proposed change in place of use may be made without injury to existing rights.

The lands involved herein are within the boundaries of the Vale-Oregon Irrigation District and the Board of Directors of said District approved the proposed change in place of use of water at a regular meeting.

No objections having been filed and it appearing that the proposed change in place of use may be made without injury to existing rights, the application should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, it hereby is ORDERED that the proposed change in place of use is approved, without loss of priority.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that said water so transferred shall be applied to beneficial use on or before October 1, 1985.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that upon proof satisfactory to he Water Resources Director of complete application of water to beneficial use on the lands to which the water is transferred hereby, the change in place of use shall be considered perfected, and at a later date a certificate of water right shall be issued to United States of America, Bureau of Reclamation confirming this and other changes within Vale-Oregon Irrigation District, and superseding Certificate 15719.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 16th day of March, 1984.

William H. young, WILLIAM H. YOUNG,

NOTE:

The approval of a water right transfer application does not confirm the status of the right in regard to the provisions of ORS 540.610 pertaining to forfeiture or abandonment.

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