# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

# OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A
T-11693, Umatilla County	)	PERMANENT DISTRICT TRANSFER

# Authority

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

# **Applicant**

STANFIELD IRRIGATION DISTRICT PO BOX 416 STANFIELD, OR 97875

# **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On November 22, 2014, Stanfield Irrigation District (SID) filed a district transfer application to permanently change the place of use under Certificates 86202, 86377, 86203, 74657, 76122 and 76137. The Department assigned the application number T-11693.
- 2. Certificate 86202 was superseded on May 2, 2011, by correcting Certificate 87035.
- 3. On February 19, 2014, amendments to the place of use listing and maps were received by the Department.
- 4. On March 4, 2014, the Department requested clarifications regarding the proposed place of use.
- 5. On March 26, 2014, the Department received the necessary clarifications allowing further processing of Transfer Application T-11693.
- 6. Notice of the application for transfer was published on December 3, 2013, pursuant to ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4400. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 7. The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:

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.

Certificate: 87035, issued in the name of Stanfield Irrigation District (confirmed by

decree of the Circuit Court of Umatilla County)

Use: Irrigation of 16.25 acres Priority Date: March 8, 1905

Rate & Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands is limited to a diversion of

ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) from MARCH 1 to NOVEMBER 1 and subject to the limitations of paragraph 32 of the Umatilla River

Decree for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: Umatilla River, a tributary of the Columbia River

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

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Lot	Measured Distances
3 N	30 E	WM	31	NW SW	4	380 Feet North and 650 Feet East from the SW Corner of
						Section 31

## Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
3N	29E	WM	04	SW NE	200	0.40	GEHRKE
3N	29E	WM	08	SE SE	2900	3.60	LAPP
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	4.00	VANDERBRAKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	8.25	VANDERBRAKE
					Total:	16.25	

8. Transfer Application T-11693 proposes to change the place of use for the above described rights to:

Proposed Place of Use

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
3N	29E	WM	04	SE SE	600	0.40	GEHRKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	9.25	VANDERBRAKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NW NE	200	3.00	VANDERBRAKE
4N	29E	WM	19	SE NE	100	3.60	WINDBLOWN
							RANCH INC.

9. The second water right to be transferred are as follows:

Certificate: 86377, issued in the name of U. S. Bureau of Reclamation (perfected under Permit S-7400) for lands served by Stanfield Irrigation District

Use: Supplemental Irrigation of 46.50 acres

Priority Date: July 1, 1924

Rate & Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation together with the amount secured under any other right existing of the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second, provided further that the right allowed herein for supplemental irrigation shall be limited to any deficiency in the available supply of any prior right existing for the same land and shall not exceed the limitation allowed therein.

**Source:** McKay Reservoir, a tributary of McKay Creek. Water is run down the natural channels of McKay Creek and the Umatilla River and is re-diverted at Stanfield Irrigation District Furnish Canal.

### **Authorized Points of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Lot	Measured Distances			
2 N	32 E	WM	34	NW SE		McKAY DAM			
3 N	30 E	WM	31	sw sw		FURNISH CANAL - 380 feet North and 650 feet East from SW Corner of Section 31			

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
3N	29E	WM	04	NE NE	200	6.20	GEHRKE
3N	29E	WM	04	NW NE	200	5.50	GEHRKE
3N	29E	WM	04	SW NE	200	18.55	GEHRKE
3N	29E	WM	04	SW NE	200	0.40	GEHRKE
3N	29E	WM	08	SE SE	2900	3.60	LAPP
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	4.00	VANDERBRAKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	8.25	VANDERBRAKE
					Total:	46.50	

10. Transfer Application T-11693 proposes to change the place of use for the above described rights to:

**Proposed Place of Use** 

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Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
3N	29E	WM	04	SE SE	600	30.25	GEHRKE
3N	29E	WM	04	SE SE	600	0.40	GEHRKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	9.25	VANDERBRAKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NW NE	200	3.00	VANDERBRAKE
4N	29E	WM	19	SE NE	100	3.60	WINDBLOWN
							RANCH INC.
				46.50			

11. The portion of the third right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 86203, issued in the name of Stanfield Irrigation District (perfected under

Permit S-30789)

Use: Irrigation of 31.00 acres **Priority Date:** July 1, 1924

Rate & Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands is limited to a diversion of

ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) and 4.5 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

**Season:** January 1 and November 1 of each year that water can be put to beneficial use by irrigation, either for immediate crop growth or for forecast requirements to raise the soil moisture to field capacity in the soil profile to be utilized by plant growth in the subsequent growing season.

Source: Umatilla River, a tributary of the Columbia River

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

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Lot	Measured Distances
3 N	30 E	WM	31	SW SW	4	380 Feet North and 650 Feet East from the SW Corner of
						Section 31

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
3N	29E	WM	04	NE NE	200	6.20	GEHRKE
3N	29E	WM	04	NW NE	200	5.50	GEHRKE
3N	29E	WM	04	SW NE	200	18.55	GEHRKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	0.75	VANDERBRAKE
					Total:	31.00	

12. Transfer Application T-11693 proposes to change the place of use for the above described right to:

**Proposed Place of Use:** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
3N	29E	WM	04	SE SE	600	30.25	GEHRKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	0.75	VANDERBRAKE
					Total:	31.00	

13. The portion of the fourth right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 74657, issued in the name of Ronald Watson (perfected under Permit S-30267)

Use: Supplemental Irrigation of 2.95 acres

Priority Date: December 9, 1964

Rate & Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands is limited to a diversion of

ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) and 4.5 acre-feet for

each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: Pond A, a tributary of Cold Springs Reservoir

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

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q - Q	Measured Distances
4N 2	29E	WM	11	SE NE	1340 feet South and 1060 feet West from the NE corner of Section 11

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	0.75	VANDERBRAKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NW NE	200	2.20	VANDERBRAKE

14. Transfer Application T-11693 proposes to change the place of use for the above described right to:

**Proposed Place of Use:** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
4N	29E	WM	11	NW NE	100	1.60	VANDERBRAKE
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	1.35	VANDERBRAKE

15. The portion of the fifth right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 76122, issued in the name of Ronald Watson (perfected under Permit

S-30267)

Use: Supplemental Irrigation of 5.30 acres

Priority Date: December 9, 1964

Rate & Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands is limited to a diversion of

ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) and 4.5 acre-feet for

each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: Pond A, a tributary of Cold Springs Reservoir

**Authorized Point of Diversion:** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q·Q	Measured Distances
4N	29E	WM	11	SE NE	1340 feet South and 1060 feet West from the NE corner of
					Section 11

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	5.30	VANDERBRAKE

16. Transfer Application T-11693 proposes to change the place of use for the above described right to:

**Proposed Place of Use:** 

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
4N	29E	WM	11	NW NE	100	5.30	VANDERBRAKE

17. The portion of the sixth right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 76137, issued in the name of Ronald Watson (perfected under Permit

S-44378)

Use: Supplemental Irrigation of 6.6 acres

Priority Date: June 17, 1977

Rate & Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands is limited to a diversion of

ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) and 4.5 acre-feet for

each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: Pond A, a tributary of the Umatilla River

# **Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q - Q	Measured Distances
4N	29E	WM	11	SE NE	1380 feet South and 105060 feet West from the NE corner of
					Section 11

**Authorized Place of Use:** 

[	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
	4N	29E	WM	11	NE NE	100	6.60	VANDERBRAKE

18. Transfer Application T-11693 proposes to change the place of use for the above described right to:

Proposed Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres	User
4N	29E	WM	11	NW NE	200	6.60	VANDERBRAKE

- 19. The district permanent transfer application satisfies the criteria of OAR 690-385-4000, contains the information required under OAR 690-385-2000, and includes maps meeting the requirements of OAR 690-385-2200.
- 20. The water rights are subject to transfer as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(17).
- 21. The proposed change in place of use would not result in enlargement of the rights.
- 22. The proposed changes in place of use would not result in injury to other rights.
- 23. All other application requirements have been met.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

The proposed change in place of use in Transfer Application T-11693 satisfies the requirements of ORS 540.574(3) and 540.580.

## Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The proposed changes contained in Transfer Application T-11693 are approved.
- 2. The right to the use of water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in the water rights and related decrees.
- 3. The former places of use shall no longer be irrigated as part of these water rights.
- 4. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before October 1, 2015. A Claim of beneficial Use shall be submitted by Stanfield Irrigation District to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.
- 5. Certificates 74657, 76122, 76137, 87035, 86377 and 86203 are modified. The Department will issue superseding certificates describing the rights when it is determined that it is necessary for record keeping.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 30 day of April, 2014.

Dwight Hench, Water right Services Administrator for PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR