

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

In the Matter of the 2018 Annual)	WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSED
Allocation of Groundwater in the Stage)	ORDER NOT ALLOCATING
Gulch Critical Groundwater Area,)	GROUNDWATER AND
Subarea A,)	OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
Under Water Right)	
Inchoate Transfer T 11047,)	
Umatilla County, Oregon)	

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AUTHORITY

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537.730 and 537.735 establish the process by which the Water Resources Commission may designate an area of the state as a critical groundwater area. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 507 implements the statutes and provides the Water Resources Department (Department) procedures and criteria for the purpose of managing the groundwater resource and evaluating requests for allocation of groundwater.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 2, 2017, the Department sent letters requesting water users within the Stage Gulch Critical Groundwater Area to submit their 2018 requests for the volume of water needed.
2. Fred Widman did not file a request for water use in 2018, Stage Gulch Critical Groundwater Area, Subarea A, authorized under Inchoate Transfer T 11047.
3. On August 9, 2017, the Department issued a Proposed Order allocating 0 acre-feet of groundwater to Fred Widman for the year 2018 under Inchoate Transfer T 11047 for Subarea A of the Stage Gulch Critical Groundwater Area.
4. On August 11, 2017, Fred Widman contacted the Department regarding the Proposed Order. Mr. Widman maintains that the Proposed Order erroneously describes the volume of water requested and put to beneficial use under Inchoate Transfer T 11047. Mr. Widman requests that the Department reconsider the Proposed Order, withdraw it, and issue a superseding order approving allocation of groundwater for Inchoate Transfer T 11047.
5. Upon review of the August 9, 2017 Proposed Order issued to Fred Widman for the year 2018 under Inchoate Transfer T 11047 for Subarea A of the Stage Gulch Critical Groundwater Area, the Department determined that it had made an error in the 2018 allocation. In order to remedy the matter, the Department is withdrawing the August 9, 2017 Proposed Order and will issue a Superseding Proposed Order that corrects the deficiency.

DEPARTMENT'S ACTIONS

The Proposed Order Not Allocating Groundwater and Opportunity for Hearing issued on August 9, 2017, to Fred Widman for the year 2018 under Inchoate Transfer T 11047 for Subarea A of the Stage Gulch Critical Groundwater Area is withdrawn and of no further force or effect.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 31st day of August, 2017.

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