

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

IN THE MATTER OF ISSUANCE OF A SUPERSEDING )  
CERTIFICATE TO FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT ) FINAL ORDER  
DESCRIBING MODIFICATIONS MADE TO PRIOR )  
CERTIFICATE 85976 )

**Authority**

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 540.530 (2)(a) allows the Commission to modify a previous certificate for an irrigation district, and, when proper proof of completion of the authorized changes have been filed with the commission, to modify the previous certificate, preserving the previously established priority of rights and covering the authorized changes.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-385-7600 directs the Department to issue a water right describing modifications made to the prior certificate on a determination that is necessary, taking into account, whether the district or users requested issuance of a new certificate, the number of permanent district transfers for which satisfactory proof has been determined (DSP), the frequency and trend in district transfers for which a DSP has been issued, the necessity to modify the water right record to allocate conserved water under ORS 537.470, and accomplish other administrative functions.

Oregon Revised Statute 540.505 provides definitions for certain words used in ORS 540.505 to 540.858. In 540.505 (1) "District" means an irrigation district formed under ORS Chapter 545, a drainage district formed under ORS Chapter 547, a water improvement district formed under ORS Chapter 552, a water control district formed under ORS Chapter 553 or a corporation organized under ORS Chapter 554.

**Findings of Fact**

1. Farmers Irrigation District (FID) is an irrigation district formed under ORS Chapter 545, and therefore certificates issued to FID may be modified pursuant to ORS 540.530 (2)(a).
2. On January 10, 2010, the Department issued Certificate 85976 to supersede Certificate 74301 which described the authorized modifications made to Certificate 74301 between the years 1997 and 2001. 74301 confirmed an order of the Director which is recorded in Special Order Volume 51, Page 860, approving a petition by FID under ORS 541.329 for mapping water rights within a district.

This is a final order in other than a 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 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. Since the issuance of Certificate 85976, it has been it has been modified by six (6) determinations of satisfactory proof. Changes from the most recent transfer are included in the superseding certificate, but will remain in the inchoate stage until a determination of satisfactory proof can be issued. The Department and FID have agreed on the timing to issue a new water right describing these modifications, which will supersede Certificate 85975.
4. The Department and FID have agreed on the timing to issue a new water right describing the modifications to Certificate 85976, which will supersede Certificate 85976.
5. On November 13, 2020, the Department e-mailed a proposed certificate to FID with a 60-day notice for review to request the Department to reconsider the contents.

**Conclusions of Law**

1. The Director of the Water Resources Department concludes the right evidenced by Certificate 85976 has been significantly modified by determinations of satisfactory proof, in accordance with the provisions of 540.530 (2)(a).
2. The Director of the Water Resources Department concludes it is the appropriate time to issue a superseding certificate in accordance with OAR 690-385-7600.

**Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:**

1. Certificate 85976 is cancelled.
2. The Department shall issue a new and superseding certificate to describe all authorized modifications made to Certificate 85976.

Signed at Salem, Oregon on JAN 27 2021.

  
Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for  
THOMAS M. BYLER, DIRECTOR  
Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing Date: ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ **JAN 28 2021**