

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application                    )     FINAL ORDER APPROVING A  
T-13580, Umatilla County                                )     CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

**Authority**

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implement the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

**Applicant**

STEVE BRUERE  
12119 STRATFORD DR STE B  
CLIVE, IA 50325

**Findings of Fact**

1. On December 23, 2020, STEVE BRUERE filed an application to change the place of use under Certificate 40901. The Department assigned the application number T-13580.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on December 29, 2020, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On September 2, 2022, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-13580 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of October 2, 2022, for the applicant to respond. The applicant requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer.
4. On January 24, 2022, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer T-13580 and mailed a copy to the applicant. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published on the Department's weekly notice on January 24, 2022, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4020. No protests were filed in response to the notice.

This final order 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 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.

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

**Certificate:** 40901 in the name of MAURINE WILLIAMS, MARY FARLEY, GLADYS BAILEY – by JAME R. BAILEY (perfected under Permit G-3800)

**Use:** IRRIGATION of 4.4 ACRES

**Priority Date:** AUGUST 25, 1967

**Rate:** 0.03 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

**Limit/Duty:** The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second, per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

**Source:** A WELL a tributary of WALLA WALLA RIVER

**Authorized Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
6 N	36 E	WM	30	SE NW	600 FEET NORTH AND 550 FEET WEST FROM THE CENTER OF SECTION 30

**Authorized Place of Use:**

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
6 N	36 E	WM	31	NE NE	4.4

6. Transfer Application T-13580 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
6 N	36 E	WM	32	NW NW	4.4

**Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)**

7. Water has been used within the last five years prior to the submittal of Transfer Application T-13580 according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
8. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-13580.
9. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
10. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
11. All other application requirements are met.

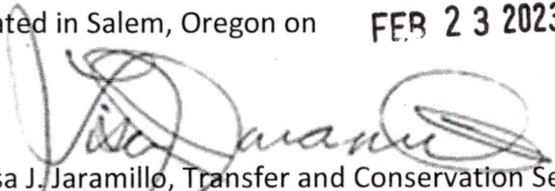
### Determination and Proposed Action

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-13580 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

#### Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-13580 is approved.
2. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 40901 and any related decree.
3. Water right Certificate 40901 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing the portions of the right not affected by this transfer.
4. Water use measurement conditions:
  - a. Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device at each point of appropriation (new and existing).
  - b. The water user shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.
  - c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
5. The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.
6. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2024**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.
7. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on **FEB 23 2023**

  
Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for  
DOUGLAS E. WOODCOCK, ACTING DIRECTOR  
Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: FEB 24 2023