# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A TEMPORARY
T-14159, Benton County	)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

## Authority

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to temporarily transfer the place of use and, if necessary to convey the water to the temporary place of use, the point of diversion authorized under an existing water right.

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

## **Applicant**

TOM GORACKE 26744 MCFARLAND RD MONROE, OR 97456

### **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On January 27, 2023, TOM GORACKE filed an application to temporarily change the place of use under Certificate 24030 for a period of 5 years. The Department assigned the application number T-14159.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on February 7, 2023, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000.
- 3. The portion of the right to be temporarily transferred is as follows:

Certificate:

24030 in the name of C. B. READER (perfected under Permit S-21749)

Use:

**IRRIGATION of 20.0 ACRES** 

**Priority Date:** SEPTEMBER 4, 1952

Rate:

0.25 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

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.

**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 2.5 acre feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation

season of each year.

Source:

MUDDY CREEK, tributary to MARYS RIVER, a tributary of WILLAMETTE RIVER

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

Т	wp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC
1	.4 S	5 W	WM	9	SW NW	41

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

,		IRF	RIGATIO	ON		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Acres
14 S	5 W	WM	4	SW SW	41	1.4
14 S	5 W	WM	5	SE SE	41	0.2
14 S	5 W	WM	8	NE NE	41	14.2
14 S	5 W	WM	9	NW NW	41	4.2
					TOTAL	20.0

4. Certificate 24030 does not describe the location of the point of diversion, however information is available from applicant indicating that the point of diversion is located as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Survey Coordinates
14 S	5 W	W WM 9 SWNW		41	44.36639, -123.30905	

5. Temporary Transfer Application T-12829 proposes to temporarily change the place of use of the right to:

		IRF	RIGATIC	N	A	
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Acres
14 S	5 W	WM	4	SW SW	41	13.9
14 S	5 W	WM	9	SW SW	41	1.1
14 S	5 W	WM	4	SW SW	41	1.6
14 S	5 W	WM	9	NW NW	41	3.4
					TOTAL	20.0

6. Temporary Transfer Application T-12829 proposes to temporarily transfer a water right within the boundaries of Greenberry Irrigation District. The district was notified of the proposed temporary transfer and indicated that the district did not object to the transfer.

## **Temporary Transfer Review Criteria**

7. Water has been used under Temporary Transfer T-12829 during the period of 2018-2022 and there is no evidence available 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 are present.
- 9. The proposed change would not prevent the lands from which the water right is removed during the period of the temporary transfer from receiving water under the transferred right, as required by ORS 540.523(7).
- 10. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights. This finding is made through an abbreviated review recognizing that the transfer may be revoked under ORS 540.523(5) if the Department later finds that the transfer is causing injury to any existing water right.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

The temporary change in place of use proposed in Temporary Transfer Application T-14159 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.523 and OAR 690-380-8000.

## Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The temporary change in place of use proposed in Temporary Transfer Application T-14159 is approved.
- 2. The former place of use **shall not** be irrigated as part of this water right during the 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027 irrigation seasons.
- 3. The use shall revert to the authorized place of use at the end of the 2027 irrigation season.
- 4. The approval of this temporary transfer may be revoked or modified if the Department finds the change causes injury to any existing water right.
- 5. A subsequent application for permanent transfer of Certificate 24030 shall be subject to a full and complete review to determine consistency with the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 380. Approval of this temporary transfer does not establish a precedent for approval of a subsequent application filed for a permanent transfer.
- 6. The use of water at the temporary place of use authorized by this transfer shall be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Certificate 24030.
- 7. The time during which water is used under this approved temporary transfer does not apply toward a finding of forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 8. 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 diversion.

- b. The water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order.
- c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meters or measuring devices are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- 9. The use of the remaining water right described by Certificate 24030 shall continue to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Certificate 24030.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

APR 0 5 2023

Lisa Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for

DOUGLAS E. WOODCOCK, ACTING DIRECTOR

Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing Date:

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