

BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR OF OREGON

BAKER COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF RALPH WARD FOR APPROVAL OF A)
CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION OF)
WATER)

ORDER APPROVING
TRANSFER NO. 4497

On May 9, 1980, an application was filed in the office of the Water Resources Director by Ralph Ward for approval of a change in point of diversion from Powder River, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 540.510 to 540.530.

By Decree of the Circuit Court for Baker County, Oregon, entered March 18, 1918, in the Matter of the Determination of the Relative Rights of the Various Claimants to the use of waters of Powder River and Its Tributaries, a water right was allowed in the name of Frank Geddes for the use of waters of Powder River for irrigation of, among other lands, a certain 40.0 acres in NE 1/4 SE 1/4, 30.1 acres in SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Section 22; 40.0 acres in NW 1/4 SW 1/4 and 40.0 acres in SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 40 East, W.M., being tabulated at Volume 6, page 388, with a date of priority of 1903, as evidenced by certificate recorded at page 4166, Volume 5, State Record of Water Right Certificates.

By said decree a water right was allowed in the name of Estate of J.C. Higbee for use of waters of Powder River for irrigation of, among other lands, a certain 40.0 acres in NE 1/4 NE 1/4, 40 acres in SE 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 27; 40.0 acres in NW 1/4 NW 1/4 and 40.0 acres in SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 26, Township 8 South, Range 40 East, W.M., being tabulated at Volume 6, page 386, with a date of priority of 1903, as evidenced by certificate recorded at page 4216, Volume 5, said record.

The authorized point of diversion for said rights is located S 2° 15' E, 2630 feet from Northwest Corner of Section 9, being within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 9, Township 9 South, Range 40 East, W.M. (Cranston-Higbee Ditch).

The applicant proposes to change the point of diversion therefrom to a point located S 11° 45' W, 1625 feet from Northwest Corner of Section 33, being within the SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Section 33, Township 8 South, Range 40 East, W.M. (Geddes-Snavely Ditch).

Notice of the application, pursuant to ORS 540.520(2), was published in the Democrat-Herald, a newspaper printed and having general circulation in Baker County, Oregon, for a period of three weeks in the issues of June 5, 12 and 19, 1980.

Mr. V. Kent Searles, Watermaster, has filed a statement to the effect that the proposed change in point of diversion may be made without injury to existing rights.

No objections having been filed and it appearing that the proposed change in point of diversion may be made without injury to existing rights, the application should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, it hereby is ORDERED that the requested change in point of diversion, as described herein, without loss of priority, is approved.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the quantity of water diverted at the new point of diversion shall not exceed the quantity of water available at the old point of diversion under the subject right

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the following provisions shall be effective when in the judgment of the watermaster it becomes necessary to install headgates and measuring devices:

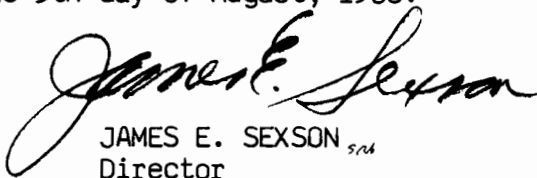
That the diversion works shall include an in line flow meter, a weir, or other suitable device for measuring the water to which the applicant is entitled;

That the type and plans of the measuring device be approved by the watermaster before the beginning of construction work and that the weir or measuring device be installed under the general supervision of said watermaster.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the construction work shall be completed and the change in point of diversion of water made on or before October 1, 1981.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the certificates recorded at pages 4166 and 4216, Volume 5, State Record of Water Right Certificates, are canceled; and in lieu thereof new certificates be issued covering the balance of the rights NOT involved in this proceeding; and upon proof satisfactory to the Water Resources Director of completion of works and beneficial use of water to the extent intended under the provisions of this order, a confirming certificate of water right shall be issued to the applicant herein.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 5th day of August, 1980.


JAMES E. SEXSON ^{5/14}
Director