

BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR OF OREGON
JOSEPHINE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF ROBERT A. AND KAY J. WATTS)
FOR APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN)
POINT OF DIVERSION OF WATER)

ORDER APPROVING
TRANSFER 4731

On April 3, 1981, an application was filed in the office of the Water Resources Director by Robert A. and Kay J. Watts for approval of a change in point of diversion of water from Applegate River, pursuant to the provisions of ORS 540.510 to 540.530.

By Decree of the Circuit Court for Josephine County, Oregon, entered April 26, 1919, In the Matter of the Determination of the Relative Rights to the Use of the Waters of Rogue River and Its Tributaries, a water right was established in the name of John H. Robinson, tabulated in Volume 4, page 23, Order Record of the Water Resources Director, for use of the waters of Applegate River for irrigation of, among other lands, a certain 5.0 acres in NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 6, Township 37 South, Range 6 West, WM, with a date of priority of 1897, as evidenced by the certificate recorded at page 48258, Volume 41, State Record of Water Right Certificates.

Water for the said right is diverted, through the Jess Ditch, from a point located 780 feet North and 800 feet East from the Southwest Corner of Section 5, being within the SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Section 5, Township 37 South, Range 6 West, WM.

The applicants herein, owners of the lands above described, propose to change the point of diversion therefrom, without loss of priority, to a point located 1,320 feet South and 1,960 feet West from the Northeast Corner of Section 6, being within the NW 1/4 NE 1/4, Section 6, Township 37 South, Range 6 West, WM.

Notice of the application, pursuant to ORS 540.520(2), was published in the Daily Courier, a newspaper printed and having general circulation in Josephine County, Oregon, for a period of three weeks in the issues of April 10, 17 and 24, 1981.

Robert B. Steimer, 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:

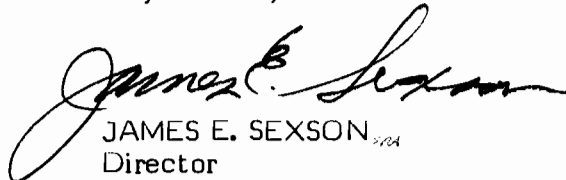
That the diversion works shall include an in line flow meter, a weir, or other suitable device for measuring the water to which the applicant is entitled;

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, 1982.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the certificate recorded at page 48258, Volume 41, State Record of Water Right Certificates, is canceled; and in lieu thereof a new certificate be issued covering the balance of the right 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 17th day of June, 1981.


JAMES E. SEXSON
Director

NOTE: The approval of a water right transfer application does not confirm the status of the right in regard to the provisions of ORS 540.610 pertaining to forfeiture or abandonment.