BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A
T-12441, Morrow County)	TEMPORARY 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

FARMLAND RESERVE INC. ATTN: NATURAL RESOURCE GROUP 79 S. MAIN ST SUITE 1000 SALT LAKE CITY UT 84111

Findings of Fact

- 1. On July 22, 2016, FARMLAND RESERVE INC. filed an application to temporarily change the place of use under Certificates 76586, 89511, and 83591 for a period of three years. The Department assigned the application number T-12441.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on August 9, 2016, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.

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

Certificate: 76586 in the name of POTLATCH CORPORATION (perfected under

Permit S-37150)

Use: IRRIGATION OF 232.4 ACRES

Priority Date: JULY 25, 1973

Rate: 5.0 CUBIC FEET 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, is limited to ONE-FORTIETH 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 4.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation

season of each year.

Source: COLUMBIA RIVER, a tributary of the PACIFIC OCEAN

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
4 N	25 E	WM	2	NE NW	7	SOUTH 86°22'46" WEST 2829 FEET FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 2

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q							
3 N	26 E	WM	1	NE NW	30.78			
3 N	26 E	WM	_ 1	NW NW	28.80			
3 N	26 E	WM	1	SW NW	30.72			
3 N	3 N 26 E		1	SE NW	31.63			
3 N	3 N 26 E		5	NE SE	22.59			
3 N	26 E	WM	5	NW SE	30.32			
3 N	26 E	WM	5	SW SE	29.90			
3 N	3 N 26 E		5	SE SE	27.61			
3 N	26 E	WM	7	NE SE	0.05			
	Total							

4. Temporary Transfer Application T-12441 proposes to temporarily change the place of use of the right to:

	IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres				
3 N	3 N 26 E		1	NE NW	31.33				
3 N	26 E	WM	1	NW NW	28.80				
3 N	26 E	WM	1	SW NW	30.72				
3 N	26 E	WM	1	SE NW	32.56				
3 N	27 E	WM	5	NE SE	22.64				
3 N	27 E	WM	5	NW SE	28.84				
3 N	27 E	WM	5	SW SE	29.90				
3 N	27 E	WM	5	SE SE	27.61				
				Total	232.4				

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

Certificate:

89511 in the name of POTLATCH CORP. (perfected under Permit

S-36940)

Use:

IRRIGATION OF 86.62 ACRES

Priority Date:

JUNE 29, 1973

Rate:

2.14 CUBIC FEET 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, is limited to ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed

4.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of

each year.

Source:

COLUMBIA RIVER, a tributary of the PACIFIC OCEAN

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
4 N	25 E	WM	2	NE NW	7	SOUTH 86°22'46" WEST 2829 FEET FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 2

Authorized Place of Use:

		IRRIGA'	TION		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
4 N	26 E	WM	16	SW SE	6.42
4 N	26 E	WM	22	NW SW	6.14
4 N	26 E	WM	22	SW SW	21.73
4 N	26 E	WM	33	SW SW	4.10
4 N	26 E	WM	33	SE SW	30.52
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NE NE	3.84
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NW NE	4.19
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NE NW	4.68
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NW NW	5.00
				Total	86.62

6. Temporary Transfer Application T-12441 proposes to temporarily change the place of use of the right to:

		IRRIGA	TION		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
4 N	26 E	WM	33	SW SW	6.54
4 N	26 E	WM	33	SE SW	34.22
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NE NE	5.85
4N 26E		WM 36 NW NE		NW NE	8.60
4 N	26 E	WM	36	SW NE	0.67
4 N	26 E	WM	36	SE NE	0.21
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NE NW	8.41
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NW NW	22.12
				Total	86.62

7. The portion of the third right to be temporarily transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 83591 in the name of POTLATCH CORPORATION (perfected under

Permit S-36940)

Use: IRRIGATION OF 197.61 ACRES

Priority Date: JUNE 29, 1973

Rate: 4.88 CUBIC FEET 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, is limited to ONE-FORTIETH 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 4.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation

season of each year.

Source: COLUMBIA RIVER, a tributary of the PACIFIC OCEAN

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
4 N	25 E	WM	2	NE NW	7	SOUTH 86°22'46" WEST 2829 FEET FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 2

Authorized Place of Use:

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	IRRIGATION								
Twp	Twp Rng			Q-Q	Acres				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NE NE	24.29				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NW NE	21.00				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	SW NE	30.68				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	SE NE	30.43				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NE NW	22.00				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NW NW	7.10				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	SW NW	31.21				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	SE NW	30.90				
				Total	197.61				

8. Temporary Transfer Application T-12441 proposes to temporarily change the place of use of the right to:

	IRRIGATION								
Twp	Twp Rng			Q-Q	Acres				
4 N	4 N 26 E		36	NE NE	24.29				
4 N	4 N 26 E			NW NE	21.00				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	SW NE	30.68				
4 N	4 N 26 E		36	SE NE	30.43				
4 N	4 N 26 E		36	NE NW	22.00				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	NW NW	7.10				
4 N	4 N 26 E		36	SW NW	31.21				
4 N	26 E	WM	36	SE NW	30.90				
				Total	197.61				

9. Temporary Transfer Application T-12441 proposes to temporarily transfer water rights within the boundaries of Columbia Improvement 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

- 10. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the rights. There is no evidence available that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 11. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing rights is present.
- 12. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the rights. The purpose of the proposed temporary change in place of use is to temporarily transfer water rights from drip irrigated 8 foot strips to irrigated pivots containing row crops. Any use of water outside of the proposed pivots could be readily observed by the Watermaster, thus the need and use of soil moisture monitoring conditions described in the certificates will not be needed to monitor the proposed temporary place of use.
- 13. 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-12441 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-12441 is approved.
- 2. The former place of use **shall not** be irrigated as part of these water rights during the 2017 and 2018 irrigation seasons.
- 3. The use shall revert to the authorized place of use at the end of the 2018 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 Certificates 76586, 89511, and 83591 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 Certificates 76586, 89511, and 83591. However, the proposed temporary places of use shall be exempt from conditions requiring soil moisture monitoring.
- 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. The use of the remaining water rights described by Certificates 76586, 89511, and 83591 shall continue to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Certificates 76586, 89511, and 83591.

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Dated at S	Salem, Oreg	on this	day	of January,	2017.

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for

Thomas M. Byler, Director

Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing Date: JAN 1 3 2017