# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A
T-11259, Baker, Union County	)	TEMPORARY CHANGE IN PLACE OF
	)	USE

#### Authority

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.

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

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## **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On June 3, 2011, DELBERT STEPHENS filed an application to temporarily change the place of use under Certificate 8394 for a period of 5 years. The Department assigned the application number T-11259.
- 2. However, on May 17, 2011, Certificate 8394 was cancelled and superseded by Certificate 83798.
- 3. The portion of the right to be temporarily transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 83798 in the name of BILL AND SANDI MCGINN (perfected under

Permit S-789)

Use: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 53.0 ACRES

Priority Date: JULY 24, 1911

Source: VAN PATTON LAKE RESERVOIR, tributary to the NORTH POWDER

RIVER

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.

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

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	POD NAME
7 S	37 E	WM	16	NW SE	VP-01

## Authorized Place of Use:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
7 S	39 E	WM	3	NE NW	13.0
7 S	39 E	WM	3	NW NW	40.0

4. Temporary Transfer Application T-11259 proposes to temporarily change the place of use of the right to:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
7 S	38 E	WM	1	NE NW	40.0
7 S	38 E	WM	1	SE NW	13.0

- 5. Notice of the application for transfer was published on June 7, 2011, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 6. Temporary Transfer Application T-11259 proposes to temporarily transfer a water right within the boundaries of Powder Valley Water Control 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 within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no evidence available that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 8. A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right is present.
- 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. 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 application Temporary Transfer Application T-11259 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-11259 is approved.
- 2. The former place of use **shall not** be irrigated as part of this water right during the 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 irrigation seasons.
- 3. The use shall revert to the authorized place of use at the end of the 2015 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 83798 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 83798.
- 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 water user shall maintain the existing headgate and shall make such improvements as may be required by the Department.
- 9. The use of the remaining water right described by Certificate 83798 shall continue to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Certificate 83798.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this day of July, 2011.
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR
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