

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application) FINAL ORDER APPROVING A TEMPORARY
T-13647, Umatilla County) CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

Authority

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.705 and 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 appropriation 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

DITCHEN LAND COMPANY, LLC
7385 HOWELL PRAIRIE RD NE
SILVERTON, OR 97381

Findings of Fact

1. On March 15, 2021, DITCHEN LAND COMPANY, LLC filed an application to temporarily change the place of use under Certificate 84095 for a period of 1 year. The Department assigned the application number T-13647.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on March 30, 2021, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:
Certificate: 84095 in the name of DITCHEN LAND COMPANY (perfected under Permit G-8367)
Use: IRRIGATION of 122.0 ACRES
Priority Date: AUGUST 2, 1978
Rate: 1.0 CUBIC FOOT 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 a diversion

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.

of ONE-EIGHTIETH 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 3 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: WELL 2 in the UMATILLA RIVER BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
3 N	30 E	WM	20	SW SW	100 FEET NORTH AND 80 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 20

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
3 N	30 E	WM	20	NE SW	30.5
3 N	30 E	WM	20	NW SW	30.5
3 N	30 E	WM	20	SW SW	30.5
3 N	30 E	WM	20	SE SW	30.5
Total					122.0

- Temporary Transfer Application T-13647 proposes to temporarily change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
3 N	30 E	WM	20	NE NW	30.5
3 N	30 E	WM	20	NW NW	30.5
3 N	30 E	WM	20	SW NW	30.5
3 N	30 E	WM	20	SE NW	30.5
Total					122.0

- Temporary Transfer Application T-13647 proposes to temporarily transfer a water right within the boundaries of Echo Irrigation District and East Improvement Districts. The districts were notified of the proposed temporary transfer and did not provide any comments.

Temporary Transfer Review Criteria

- 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.
- A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right are present.
- The proposed change would 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).

9. 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-13647 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.523 and OAR 690-380-8000.

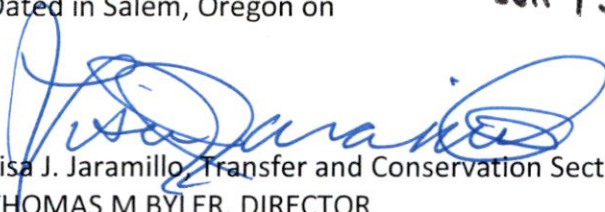
Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The temporary change in place of use proposed in Temporary Transfer Application T-13647 is approved.
2. The former place of use **shall not** be irrigated as part of this water right during the 2021 irrigation season.
3. The use shall revert to the authorized place of use at the end of the 2021 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 84095 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 84095.
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 appropriation.
 - 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 84095 shall continue to be in accordance with the terms and conditions of Certificate 84095.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

JUN 15 2021



Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for
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Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing Date:

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