

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A
T-11809, Union County)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE
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Authority

ORS 540.505 to 540.580 establishes the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of diversion, place of use, or character of use 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.

Applicant

RONALD LARVIK
3412 HWY 30
LA GRANDE, OR 97850

Findings of Fact

1. On May 5, 2014, RONALD LARVIK filed an application to change the place of use under Certificate 50172. The Department assigned the application number T-11809.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on May 13, 2014, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On January 27, 2012, Certificate 50172 was cancelled by the provisions of the order approving Transfer Application T-11141. Certificate 87408 was issued to describe these portions of Certificate 50172 not affected by T-11141.
4. On January 22, 2015, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11809 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of February 23, 2015, for the applicant to respond. The applicant requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer.

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, 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.

5. On February 18, 2015, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11809 and sent a copy to the applicant. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published on the Department's weekly notice on February 24, 2015, pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR 690-380-4020. No protests were filed in response to the notice.

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

Certificate: 87408 in the name of GEO GEKELER (confirmed by GRAND RONDE RIVER decree)
Use: IRRIGATION OF 28.90 ACRES
Priority Date: 1883
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 of ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, during the irrigation season of each year. The use shall conform to such reasonable rotation system as may be ordered by the proper state officer.
Source: GRANDE RONDE RIVER, tributary to the SNAKE RIVER

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
3 S	38 E	WM	9	NW SE	12.00
3 S	38 E	WM	9	SW SE	12.7
3 S	38 E	WM	16	NW NE	4.2
Total					28.90

6. Transfer application T-11809 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
3 S	38 E	WM	9	NE SE	10.50
3 S	38 E	WM	9	NW SE	0.80
3 S	38 E	WM	9	SW SE	4.60
3 S	38 E	WM	9	SE SE	13.00
Total					28.90

7. Certificate 87408 does not describe the authorized point of diversion. The applicant has submitted information that describes the authorized point of diversion as:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
2 S	38 E	WM	31	SW SW	GEKELER DITCH: 400 FEET NORTH AND 200 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 31

Transfer Review Criteria [OAR 690-380-4010(2)]

8. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.

9. A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-11809.
10. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
11. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

Conclusion of Law

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11809 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11809 is approved.
2. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described, and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 87408 and any related decree.
3. Water Right Certificate 87408 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
4. The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.
5. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2016**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.
6. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 23 day of April, 2015.



Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: APR 23 2015