# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A
T-11857, Yamhill County	)	CHANGE IN POINT OF
·	)	APPROPRIATION
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## **Authority**

ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, 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**

KIT JOHNSTON 11320 SE LAFAYETTE HWY DAYTON, OR 97114

## **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On July 8, 2014, Kit Johnston filed an application to change the point of appropriation under Certificate 28281. The Department assigned the application number T-11857.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer T-11857 was published on July 15, 2014, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. During the review process, the Department determined that the location of the proposed point of appropriation depicted on the Transfer application map did not match the proposed location described in Table 1 of the application. On November 19, 2014 the Department sent a deficiency letter to the applicant's agent, requesting that either the transfer application map or Table 1 be amended to reflect one another.
- 4. On November 20, 2014 the Department received an amended Table 1, consistent with the Transfer application map, from the applicant's agent.

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 December 2, 2014, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11857 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of December 31, 2014, 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.
- 6. On February 17, 2015, the Department issued a Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11857 and sent a copy to the applicant. Additionally, notice of the Preliminary Determination for the transfer application was published in 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.
- 7. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate:

28281 in the name of EARLE F. AND LAVERN E. DAY (perfected under

Permit G-149)

Use:

**IRRIGATION of 21.3 ACRES** 

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 27, 1956

Rate:

0.234 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, shall be limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH 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 2.5 acre feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation

season of each year.

Source:

WELL 1

# **Authorized Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	
5 S	4 W	WM	1	NE NE	2.5 CHAINS SOUTH AND 19 CHAINS WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 1	

### **Authorized Place of Use:**

	IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
4 S 4 W		WM 36	SW SE	8	8.0	
5 S	4 W	WM	1	NW NE		13.3

8. Transfer Application T-11857 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation approximately 924 feet from the existing point of appropriation to:

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	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	
	5 S	4 W	WM	1	SW SE	50 FEET SOUTH AND 2190 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 1	

## Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 9. 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.
- 10. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system 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-11857.
- 11. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 12. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 13. All other application requirements are met.

#### **Conclusion of Law**

The change in point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-11857 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000.

## Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The change in point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-11857 is approved.
- 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 28281 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right certificate 28281 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing the portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
- 4. The quantity of water diverted at the new point of appropriation, together with that diverted at the original point of appropriation, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation.
- 5. Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.
- 6. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2017**. 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.

7. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 20 day of April, 2015.

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for

Thomas M. Byler, Director

Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: APR 2 3 2015