# OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING
T-14009, Jackson County	)	A DISTRICT PERMANENT TRANSFER FOR
	)	PLACE OF USE

## Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 540.570 to 540.580 establish the process in which a district may submit a request to transfer a water right within district boundaries. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 385 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating district transfer applications.

## **Applicant**

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT 3139 MERRIMAN RD MEDFORD, OR 97501

# **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On May 23, 2022, Rogue River Valley Irrigation District (RRVID) filed a district transfer application to permanently change the place of use under Certificates 85288, 85286, 80575, 80576, 80577, 85876, 85877, and 83729. The Department assigned the application number T-14009.
- 2. Notice of the District Permanent Transfer Application was published on May 31, 2022, pursuant to ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4400. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On July 26, 2022, RRVID submitted corrections to the place of use tables and corrections to two maps.
- 4. The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 85288 in the name of ROGUE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (perfected under Permit E-19)

Use: PRIMARY IRRIGATION OF 13.0 ACRES

Priority Date: JULY 23, 1909

Limit/Duty: Total diversions though the Main Canal from North Fork and South Fork of the

Little Butte Creek shall not exceed 140 CFS at any one time, being 50 cfs for

This final order in a contested case and 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(2) 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.

Within 20 days after this final order is issued (i.e., mailing date), the district or any protestant may file with the commission exceptions to the final order. The commission shall issue an order granting or denying the exceptions within 30 days after receiving the exceptions. ORS 540.580(10).

Rogue River Valley Irrigation District and 90 CFS for the Medford Irrigation District. Total diversions from North Fork Little Butte Creek shall not exceed 125 CFS at any one time. Total diversions from South Fork Little Butte Creek shall not exceed 100 CFS at any one time. The amount of water used for irrigation is limited to ONE-HUNDREDTH of one cubic foot per second or its equivalent for each acre irrigated during the season of each year.

Source: NORTH AND SOUTH FORKS LITTLE BUTTE CREEK, tributaries to LITTLE BUTTE CREEK

#### **Authorized Points of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
36 S	1 E	WM	8	SW SW	BRADSHAW DROP - NOT SPECIFIED ON CERTIFICATE
36 S	2 E	WM	20	SE NE	NORTH FORK LITTLE BUTTE CREEK - 40 FEET NORTH AND 620 FEET WEST FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 20
36 S	2 E	WM	29	NE SE	SOUTH FORK LITTLE BUTTE CREEK - 780 FEET SOUTH AND 400 FEET WEST FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 29

#### Authorized Place of Use:

9. 5	IRRIGATION											
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice				
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	5.00	400	SEVERSON	21-03				
36 S	2 W	WM	26	SE SE	4.00	3601	RRVID	21-02				
37 S	1 W	WM	6	NE NW	4.00	800	RRVID	21-01				
		. 6		Total:	13.00							

5. Transfer Application T-14009 proposes to change the place of use to:

# Proposed Place of Use:

IRRIGATION											
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice			
36 S	1 E	WM	6	SE NW	4.00	1804	DANIELS	21-02			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	1.00	1400	SMITH	21-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	2.50	1500	SMITH	21-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	0.50	1600	SMITH	20-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	2.50	500	SEVERSON	21-03			
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	2.50	600	SEVERSON	21-03			
				Total:	13.00		* * -				

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

Certificate: 80576 in the name of ROGUE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (perfected

under Permits S-30364 and S-38230)

Use: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 13.0 ACRES

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 6, 1915

**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 4.5 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year, provided further that the right allowed herein shall be limited to any deficiency in the available

supply of any prior right existing for the same land and shall not exceed the limitation allowed herein.

Source: AGATE RESERVOIR (constructed under Permits R-4563 and R-6175) AND DRY CREEK, tributaries of LITTLE BUTTE CREEK

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

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
			0.5		AGATE DAM ON DRY CREEK - 1090 FEET SOUTH AND 1250
36 S	1 W	WM	25	NW NW	FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 25

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

	SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION											
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice				
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	5.00	400	SEVERSON	21-03				
36 S	2 W	WM	26	SE SE	4.00	3601	RRVID	21-02				
37 S	1 W	WM	6	NE NW	4.00	800	RRVID	21-01				
1			-	Total:	13.00							

7. Transfer Application T-14009 proposes to change the place of use to:

## Proposed Place of Use:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION											
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice			
36 S	1 E	WM	6	SE NW	4.00	1804	DANIELS	21-02			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	1.00	1400	SMITH	21-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	2.50	1500	SMITH	21-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	0.50	1600	SMITH	20-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	2.50	500	SEVERSON	21-03			
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	2.50	600	SEVERSON	21-03			
2.4				Total:	13.00	-					

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

Certificate: 85876 in the name of ROGUE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (perfected under Permit S-407)

Use: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 13.0 ACRES

Priority Date: MARCH 31, 1910

Limit/Duty: Total diversions though the Main Canal from North Fork and South Fork Little Butte Creek shall not exceed 140 CFS at any one time. The amount of water used for irrigation is limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) for each acre irrigated during the season of each year.

Source: FOUR MILE LAKE RESERVOIR (constructed under Permit R-50), within the KLAMATH RIVER BASIN; and WATERS DRAINING OR FLOWING INTO CASCADE CANAL; and FISH LAKE RESERVOIR (constructed under Permit R-50), within the ROGUE RIVER BASIN [Water is conveyed from Four Mile Lake via the Cascade Canal and held and stored in Fish Lake. Water is re-diverted and released into the North Fork Little Butte Creek, and is re-diverted into the Main Canal shared by Rogue River Valley

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and Medford Irrigation Districts. At Bradshaw Drop the water is split between the Hopkins Canal and the Medford Canal.]

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

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
36S	1E	WM	8	SW SW	BRADSHAW DROP - NOT SPECIFIED ON CERTIFICATE
36 S	2 E	WM	20	SE NE	NORTH FORK LITTLE BUTTE CREEK – 40 FEET NORTH AND 620 FEET WEST FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 20
36S	5E	WM	9	SW NW	FOUR MILE LAKE DAM – 3600 FEET NORTH AND 4200 FEET EAST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 9
37S	4E	WM	4	SE SE	FISH LAKE DAM – 4000 FEET SOUTH AND 600 FEET EAST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 4

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

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION											
Twp	Rng	Mer Sec		ec Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice			
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	5.00	400	SEVERSON	21-03			
36 S	2 W	WM	26	SE SE	4.00	3601	RRVID	21-02			
37 S	1 W	WM	6	NE NW	4.00	800	RRVID	21-01			
				Total:	13.00			-2.78			

9. Transfer Application T-14009 proposes to change the place of use to:

# Proposed Place of Use:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION											
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice			
36 S	1 E	WM	6	SE NW	4.00	1804	DANIELS	21-02			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	1.00	1400	SMITH	21-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	2.50	1500	SMITH	21-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	0.50	1600	SMITH	20-01			
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	2.50	500	SEVERSON	21-03			
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	2.50	600	SEVERSON	21-03			
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10. The portion of the fourth right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 85877 in the name of ROGUE RIVER VALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (perfected under Permit S-1705)

Use: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 13.0 ACRES

Priority Date: JUNE 24, 1913

Limit/Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation together with the amount secured under any other prior right existing for the same lands is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) for each

acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

Source: ANTELOPE CREEK, tributary to LITTLE BUTTE CREEK

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

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
26.6	4.5		20	CVA/ NIE	HOPKINS CANAL - 770 FEET NORTH AND 1650 FEET WEST
36 S	1 E	WIVI	30	SW NE	FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 30

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

	SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION											
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice				
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	5.00	400	SEVERSON	21-03				
36 S	2 W	WM	26	SE SE	4.00	3601	RRVID	21-02				
37 S	1 W	WM	6	NE NW	4.00	800	RRVID	21-01				
73 8.5	+		3 1	Total:	13.00							

11. Transfer Application T-14009 proposes to change the place of use to:

## **Proposed Place of Use:**

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION									
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Tax Lot	Water User	Notice	
36 S	1 E	WM	6	SE NW	4.00	1804	DANIELS	21-02	
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	1.00	1400	SMITH	21-01	
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	2.50	1500	SMITH	21-01	
36 S	1 W	WM	28	SE SE	0.50	1600	SMITH	20-01	
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	2.50	500	SEVERSON	21-03	
36 S	1 W	WM	32	SE NE	2.50	600	SEVERSON	21-03	
				Total:	13.00				

- 12. The Department finds that the district permanent transfer application was submitted according to ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4000, contains the information required under OARs 690-385-4200 and 690-385-2000, and includes maps meeting the requirements of OARs 690-385-4300 and 690-385-2200.
- 13. The Department finds that the proposed district permanent transfer meets all the criteria set forth in ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4000.
- 14. The proposed change in places of use will not result in enlargement of the right as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(4).
- 15. The proposed change in place of use will not result in injury to other water rights as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(6).
- 16. Any other applicable requirements for district permanent water right transfers are met as required in OAR 690-385-4500.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

The proposed changes in place of use as proposed in Transfer Application T-14009 comply with and satisfy the requirements of ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4500.

# Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

- 1. The proposed changes in place of use to the water rights evidenced by Certificates 85288, 80576, 85876, and 85877 are approved.
- 2. The places of use from which the water rights are transferred off by Transfer T-14009 shall no longer be irrigated, and are cancelled from Certificates 85288, 80576, 85876, and 85877.
- 3. The right to the use of the water at the places of use NOT modified by this order is restricted to beneficial and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificates 85288, 80576, 85876, and 85877 and any related decree.
- 4. The water user shall maintain and operate the existing measurement device and shall make such improvements as may be required by the Department.
- 5. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2023**. A Claim of Beneficial Use shall be submitted by RRVID to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the changes and full beneficial use of the water.
- 6. Water right Certificates 85288, 80576, 85876, and 85877 are modified. After satisfactory proof of completion has been determined by the Department, superseding water right certificates will be issued when the Department determines it is necessary for record keeping.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on	OCT 3 1 2022
Lisa J. Jaramillo, Fransfer and Conserv	
Douglas E. Woodcock, Acting Directo	r
Oregon Water Resources Departmen	t

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Mailing Date: