

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application            )    FINAL ORDER APPROVING  
T-14797, Deschutes County                    )    A DISTRICT PERMANENT TRANSFER FOR A  
  )    CHANGE IN 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**

SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
64672 COOK AVE, SUITE 1  
BEND, OR 97703

**Findings of Fact**

1. On December 26, 2025, Swalley Irrigation District (SID) filed a district transfer application to permanently change the place of use under Certificate 98280. The Department assigned the application number T-14797.
2. Notice of the District Permanent Transfer Application was published on January 6, 2026, pursuant to ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4400. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On February 10, 2026, the Department received correspondence from Alison K. Toivola, Attorney for the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon (Tribe). The Tribe does not object to the Department processing the Transfer Application T-14797, in accordance with applicable law, and the Department’s customary practice.

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

**Certificate:**            98280 in the name of SWALLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT (confirmed by decree of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Deschutes County)

**Uses:**                    IRRIGATION of 15.37 ACRES

**Priority Date:**        SEPTEMBER 1, 1899

**Seasons of Use:**    Season 1: April 1 through April 30 & October 1 through October 31

This final order is 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).

Season 2: May 1 through May 14 & September 15 through September 30

Season 3: May 15 through September 14

**Maximum Quantity (Rate) that can be applied to an acre:**

Season 1: Limited to 1/83 cubic foot per second (cfs) per acre

Season 2: Limited to 1/62 cfs per acre

Season 3: Limited to 1/33.45 cfs per acre

**Maximum Duty that can be applied to an acre:**

Not to exceed 9.58 acre-feet (af) per acre per year.

The above listed rates and duty reflect allowance of a 43% transmission loss as determined by decree of the Circuit Court of Deschutes County, dated March 24, 1933. Those lands not served by direct pumping from the Deschutes River, are not allowed the 43% transmission loss and shall not exceed 5.46 af per acre irrigated during the irrigation season.

**Source:** The DESCHUTES RIVER, tributary of the COLUMBIA RIVER

**Authorized Points of Diversion:**

POD	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
3	17 S	12 E	WM	29	SE NE	SWALLEY MAIN CANAL: 985 FEET NORTH AND 617 FEET WEST FROM THE EAST ¼ CORNER OF SECTION 29
15	15 S	12 E	WM	14	NW SE	ADDITIONAL DISTRICT DIVERSION: 2170 FEET NORTH AND 1350 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 14

**Authorized Place of Use:**

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Taxlot	Water User	Notice
16 S	12 E	WM	15	SE NW	1.55	101	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-04
16 S	12 E	WM	20	SW NE	0.32	400	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-02
16 S	12 E	WM	20	NE SE	0.75	1300	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-03
16 S	12 E	WM	20	NE SE	0.95	1107	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-05
16 S	12 E	WM	20	NW SE	0.75	1105	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-03
16 S	12 E	WM	28	NW SW	0.53	4400	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-02
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SW SW	0.07	2300	MARGY COTTRIEL TRUST	2025-09
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SE SW	0.15	2300	MARGY COTTRIEL TRUST	2025-09
16 S	12 E	WM	29	SW NE	1.26	300	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-01
16 S	12 E	WM	29	SW NE	0.24	303	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-01
17 S	12 E	WM	7	SW SE	0.33	106	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-05
17 S	12 E	WM	9	NE NW	0.50	1100	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-06
17 S	12 E	WM	9	SE NW	2.00	1100	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-06
17 S	12 E	WM	9	NE SE	5.15	6700	BEND MHC, LLC	2025-08
17 S	12 E	WM	16	SE SW	0.07	1200	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-05
17 S	12 E	WM	16	SW SE	0.25	1900	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-07
17 S	12 E	WM	20	NE NE	0.50	410	SWALLEY ID - QUITCLAIM	2025-05
<b>Total</b>					<b>15.37</b>			

5. Transfer Application T-14797 proposes to change the place of use to:

**Proposed Place of Use:**

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Taxlot	Water User	Notice
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SW NE	0.19	2300	ARGUIEN LIVING TRUST	2025-01
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SW NE	0.85	4400	OCHSNER	2025-02
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SW NE	1.10	2200	TROYCHAK 2014 FAMILY TRUST	2025-05
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SW NE	1.55	4300	VIBBERT	2025-04
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SE NE	1.31	2300	ARGUIEN LIVING TRUST	2025-01
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SE NE	1.50	2100	ELWELL	2025-03
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SE NE	0.75	2200	TROYCHAK 2014 FAMILY TRUST	2025-05
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SW SW	0.10	2300	MARGY COTTRIEL TRUST	2025-09
16 S	12 E	WM	28	SE SW	0.12	2300	MARGY COTTRIEL TRUST	2025-09
17 S	12 E	WM	5	SW NW	2.38	1800	SCARPULLA, GREENFIELD, HANTZ GREENFIELD	2025-06
17 S	12 E	WM	5	NW SW	0.12	1800	SCARPULLA, GREENFIELD, HANTZ GREENFIELD	2025-06
17 S	12 E	WM	9	NE SE	3.55	6700	BEND MHC, LLC	2025-08
17 S	12 E	WM	9	NW SE	0.08	6700	BEND MHC, LLC	2025-08
17 S	12 E	WM	9	SE SE	1.52	6700	BEND MHC, LLC	2025-08
17 S	12 E	WM	16	SE SW	0.25	300	LUCY A O'CALLAGHAN TRUST	2025-07
<b>Total</b>					<b>15.37</b>			

6. 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.
7. The Department finds that the proposed district permanent transfer meets all the criteria set forth in ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4000.
8. The water right is subject to transfer as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(17).
9. The proposed change in place of use will not result in enlargement of the right as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(4).
10. The proposed change in place of use will not result in injury to other water rights as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(6).
11. Any other applicable requirements for district permanent water right transfers are met as required in OAR 690-385-4500.

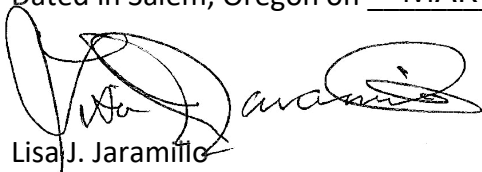
**Conclusions of Law**

The proposed change in place of use as proposed in Transfer Application T-14797 complies with and satisfies the requirements of ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4500.

**Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:**

1. The proposed change in place of use to the water right evidenced by Certificate 98280 is approved.
2. The place of use from which the water right is transferred off by Transfer T-14797 shall no longer be irrigated and is cancelled from Certificate 98280.
3. The right to the use of the water at the place of use NOT modified by this order is restricted to beneficial and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 98280, 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, 2027**. A Claim of Beneficial Use shall be submitted by SID to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the changes and full beneficial use of the water.
6. Water right Certificate 98280 is modified. After satisfactory proof of completion has been determined by the Department, a superseding water right certificate will be issued when the Department determines it is necessary for record keeping.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on MARCH 13, 2026.



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

*Mailing Date:* MARCH 16, 2026

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- If you have any questions about statements contained in this document, please contact Adam Frederick at Adam.M.Frederick@water.oregon.gov or 971-707-8400.
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