

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application) FINAL ORDER APPROVING
T-14582, 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 24, 2024, Swalley Irrigation District (SID) filed a district transfer application to permanently change the place of use under Certificate 74145. The Department assigned the application number T-14582.
2. Notice of the District Permanent Transfer Application was published on December 31, 2024, pursuant to ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4400. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On March 12, 2025, 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-14582, in accordance with applicable law, and the Department’s customary practice.

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

Certificate: 74145 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 3.02 ACRES

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 1, 1899

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

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).

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
15	15 S	12 E	WM	14	NE SE	* 2065.82 FEET NORTH AND 1401.41 FEET EAST FROM THE S¼ CORNER OF SECTION 14
3	17 S	12 E	WM	29	SE NE	SWALLEY MAIN CANAL- 985 FEET NORTH AND 617 FEET WEST FROM THE E¼ CORNER OF SECTION 29

* Certificate 74145 contains an error in the location description for POD 15, which was corrected in Special Order Volume 61, Page 634. The corrections are shown in **bold** font.

Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Taxlot	Water User	Notice
16 S	12 E	WM	29	SE SE	0.32	01202	JUSTIN & ANGELA PHILLIPS	2024-04
16 S	12 E	WM	29	SE SE	0.28	01203	JUSTIN & ANGELA PHILLIPS	2024-04
16 S	12 E	WM	33	NE NW	0.01	00800	IAN BERG & LISA AARTSEN- BERG	2024-05
16 S	12 E	WM	33	NW NW	0.16	00800	IAN BERG & LISA AARTSEN- BERG	2024-05
17 S	12 E	WM	4	SE NW	0.64	00212	DENNIS SAYLOR & ANGELICA BIERNAT	2024-06
17 S	12 E	WM	5	SW NW	0.68	01800	JEFFREY & KATHRYN GATES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	2024-03
17 S	12 E	WM	17	NW SE	0.93	01100	H&B DEVELOPERS, LLC	2024-05
TOTAL					3.02			

6. Transfer Application T-14582 proposes to change the place of use to:

Proposed Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Taxlot	Water User	Notice
16 S	12 E	WM	29	SE SE	0.41	01202	JUSTIN & ANGELA PHILLIPS	2024-04
16 S	12 E	WM	29	SE SE	0.19	01203	JUSTIN & ANGELA PHILLIPS	2024-04
16 S	12 E	WM	33	NE NW	0.18	00800	IAN BERG & LISA AARTSEN- BERG	2024-05
16 S	12 E	WM	33	NW NW	0.92	00800	IAN BERG & LISA AARTSEN- BERG	2024-05
17 S	12 E	WM	4	SW NE	0.10	00212	DENNIS SAYLOR & ANGELICA BIERNAT	2024-06
17 S	12 E	WM	4	NE NW	0.06	00212	DENNIS SAYLOR & ANGELICA BIERNAT	2024-06
17 S	12 E	WM	4	SE NW	0.48	00212	DENNIS SAYLOR & ANGELICA BIERNAT	2024-06
17 S	12 E	WM	5	SW NW	0.68	01800	JEFFREY & KATHRYN GATES REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST	2024-03
TOTAL					3.02			

7. 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.
8. The Department finds that the proposed district permanent transfer meets all the criteria set forth in ORS 540.580 and OAR 690-385-4000.
9. The water right is subject to transfer as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(17).
10. The proposed change in place of use will not result in enlargement of the right as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(4).
11. The proposed change in place of use will not result in injury to other water rights as defined in OAR 690-385-0100(6).
12. 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-14582 comply with and satisfy 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 74145 is approved.
2. The place of use from which the water right is transferred off by Transfer T-14582 shall no longer be irrigated and is cancelled from Certificate 74145.

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 74145, 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 was to be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2026**.
6. On July 17, 2025, the Department received a Claim of Beneficial Use and associated map from SID for Transfer Application T-14582, satisfying the requirements for providing proof of use under OAR 690-380-6030.
7. The applicant demonstrated proof of completion under T-14582 to the satisfaction of the Department, and superseding Certificate 98280 was issued on May 9, 2025.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on **AUGUST 27, 2025** .



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Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing Date: **SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**