

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

In the Matter of Ground Water)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
Registration Modification Application)	PROPOSING TO APPROVE.
T-10881, Lane County)	RECOGNITION OF ADDITIONAL
)	POINTS OF APPROPRIATION AND
)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

Authority

ORS 537.610, 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which the holder of a certificate of registration may submit a request for recognition of modifications to the place of use, character of use or point of appropriation under a ground water certificate of registration.

OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 382 and 380 implement the statutes and provide the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating ground water registration modification applications.

Applicant

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LANE COUNTY
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Landowner

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Receiving Landowner

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Findings of Fact

Background

1. On May 15, 2009, SMALL FARMERS' PROJECT OF LANE COUNTY filed a ground water registration modification application for an additional point of appropriation and to modify the place of use under Registration Application GR-1209 (Certificate of Registration GR-1169). The Department assigned the application number T-10881.
2. Registration Application GR-1209 (Certificate of Registration GR-1169) was originally filed with the Department on March 18, 1958, and describes the claimed place of use as 18.0 acres in the SE ¼ NW ¼ of Sec. 1, T 17 S, R 4 W, W.M. The map included with the Registration Application and subsequent maps indicate that land in the SW ¼ NW ¼ is being irrigated.

Pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, any person may file a protest or standing statement within 30 days after the last date of publication of notice of this preliminary determination.
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3. The following table lists the place of use as described in existing Registration Application GR-1209 (Certificate of Registration GR-1169) and a proposed re-description based on the above findings:

				Original Description of Place of Use		Proposed Re-Description of Place of use	
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Q-Q	Acres
17 S	4 W	WM	1	SE NW	18.0	SE NW	17.4
17 S	4 W	WM	1			SW NW	0.6
				TOTAL	18.0	TOTAL	18.0

4. The portion of the ground water registration to be modified is as follows:

Registration: Application GR-1209 (Certificate of Registration GR-1169), in the name of A. J. MCMANUS (assigned to WILBUR AND PATRICIA BECKER)

Use: IRRIGATION OF 5.0 ACRES

Tentative

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 1952

Quantity: 113 GALLONS PER MINUTE

Source: A WELL within the SPRING CREEK BASIN

Original Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
17 S	4 W	WM	1	SE NW	LANE 11609 - 9.5 CHAINS (627 FEET) NORTH AND 28 CHAINS (1848 FEET) EAST FROM THE W¼ CORNER OF SECTION 1

Original Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
17 S	4 W	WM	1	SW NW	0.5
17 S	4 W	WM	1	SE NW	4.5

5. Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-10881 states that the property claimed under Registration Application GR-1209 (Certificate of Registration GR-1169) was divided at some point in the past and an additional well was drilled. The well is located at:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
17 S	4 W	WM	1	SW NW	445 FEET NORTH AND 1250 FEET EAST FROM THE W¼ CORNER OF SECTION 1

6. Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-10881 proposes an additional point of appropriation approximately 5250 feet from the original well (LANE 11609) to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
16 S	4 W	WM	35	NW SE	LANE 69179 - 1105 FEET SOUTH AND 300 FEET EAST FROM THE C¼ CORNER OF SECTION 35

7. Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-10881 proposes to modify the place of use under the ground water registration to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
16 S	4 W	WM	35	NW SE	5.0

8. Notice of the application for ground water registration modification was published on May 26, 2009, pursuant to OAR 690-382-0600. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
9. On July 20, 2010, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-10881 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of August 19, 2010, 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.

Review Criteria for Ground Water Registration Modification Applications [OAR 690-382-0700(2)]

10. The proposed modifications would not result in enlargement of the ground water registration.
11. The proposed modifications would not result in a state Scenic Waterway not receiving previously available water during periods in which streamflows are less than the quantities determined by the Department to be necessary to meet the requirements of ORS 390.835.
12. The proposed modifications would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action


The additional point of appropriation and modification in place of use proposed in Ground Water Registration Modification T-10881 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.610, 537.705, 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-382-1000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-382-0900, the application will be recognized

If Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-10881 is recognized, the final order will include the following:

1. *The modifications to Registration Application GR-1209 (Certificate of Registration GR-1169) proposed in Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-10881 are recognized. Recognition of the modifications shall not be construed as a final determination of the right to appropriate ground water under the certificate of registration or modification. Such a determination will occur in an adjudication proceeding under ORS 537.670 to 537.695.*

2. *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 Registration Application GR-1209 (Certificate of Registration GR-1169) and any related decree.*
3. *Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the additional points 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. *The former place of use of the modified ground water registration shall no longer receive water as part of the ground water certificate of registration.*
6. *When required by the Department, the water user shall install and maintain an in-line flow meter or other suitable device for measuring and recording the quantity of water appropriated. The type and plans of the measuring device must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 16 day of August 2010.


Phillip C. Ward, Director

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Kara Morris. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0898 or Kara.B.Morris@wrdd.state.or.us

Protests should be addressed to the attention of Field Services Division, Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301-1266.