# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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In the Matter of Transfer Application T-11228, Klamath County PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

## Authority

ORS 540.505 to 540.580 establishes the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of diversion, 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.

## Applicants

KATHERINE L. SAGUNSKY BRYAN STUART 735 HANKS STREET KLAMATH FALLS, OR 97601

## **Findings of Fact**

## Background

- 1. On April 11, 2011, KATHERINE L. SAGUNSKY AND BRYAN STUART filed an application to change the place of use under Certificate 48727. The Department assigned the application number T-11228.
- 2. Concurrent with submission of the transfer application, applicants submitted an Affidavit Consenting to Proposed Water Right Transfer, signed by Jack Darley, current owner of the land to which the water right is appurtenant (tax lot 10113).
- 3. The right to be transferred is as follows:

<b>Certificate:</b>	48727 in the name of C.H. DARLEY (perfected under Permit S-42889)
Use:	DOMESTIC USE for ONE FAMILY
<b>Priority Date:</b>	JANUARY 16, 1978
Rate:	0.005 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND
Source:	LAKE OF THE WOODS, a tributary of SELDOM CREEK

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.

#### Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances	
37 S	5 E	WM	14	SW NW	2	1900 FEET SOUTH AND 235 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 14	

#### Authorized Place of Use:

DOMESTIC								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Tax Lot		
37 S	5 E	WM	14	SW NW	2	10113		

4. Transfer Application T-11228 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

DOMESTIC								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Tax Lot		
37 S	5 E	WM	14	SW NW	2	10114		

- 5. Notice of the application for transfer was published on April 19, 2011, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 6. On May 19, 2011, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11228 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of June 19, 2011, for the applicant to respond. The applicants requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicants are authorized to pursue the transfer.

## Transfer Review Criteria [OAR 690-380-4010(2)]

- 7. 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.
- 8. A pump and pipeline 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-11228.
- 9. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 10. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

#### **Determination and Proposed Action**

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11228 appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the transfer application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-11228 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11228 is approved.
- 2. 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 48727 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right certificate 48727 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
- 4. The Director may require the water user to install a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring devices at each point of diversion. If the Director notifies the water user to install totalizing flow meters or other measuring devices, the water user shall install such devices specified by the Director within the period allowed in the notice. Once installed, the water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order and shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices.
- 5. The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.
- 6. The approved change shall be completed and full beneficial use of the water shall be made on or before **October 1, 2012**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicants to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.
- 7. When satisfactory proof of the completed change is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 3 day of June 2011.

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Teri Hranac. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0881 or <u>Teri.K.Hranac@wrd.state.or.us</u>.

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