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VIA E-MAIL

### Applicant

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-11366

Please find enclosed the revised Preliminary Determination indicating that based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-11366. This document reflects the diminishment to supplemental irrigation of Certificates 42788 and 44577. Water may not be used legally as proposed in the transfer application until a Final Order has been issued by the Department.

An additional public notice in the Department's weekly publication is not required at this time. The initial protest period ends on September 21, 2012.

If no protest is filed, the Department will issue a Final Order consistent with the Preliminary Determination. We will be coordinating the issuance of the Final Order to be simultaneous with the Order for your Application G-17461.

If a protest is filed, the application may be referred to a contested case proceeding. A contested case provides an opportunity for the proponents and opponents of the decision proposed in the Preliminary Determination to present information and arguments supporting their position in a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-986-0881 or [teri.k.hranac@wrdd.state.or.us](mailto:teri.k.hranac@wrdd.state.or.us), if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Teri Hranac  
Transfer Specialist  
Transfer and Conservation Section

Enclosures

cc: T-11366  
Mike L. McCord, District 16 Watermaster (*via e-mail*)  
Steven R. Bruce, Agent for the applicant (*via e-mail at [steve@skookumwater.com](mailto:steve@skookumwater.com)*)



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

In the Matter of Transfer Application            )  
T-11366, Clackamas County                    )  
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**REVISED PRELIMINARY  
DETERMINATION PROPOSING  
ADDITIONAL POINTS OF  
APPROPRIATION AND CHANGE IN  
PLACES OF USE; DIMINUTION OF  
WATER RIGHTS; AND PARTIAL  
CANCELLATION OF A WATER  
RIGHT**

**Authority**

ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, 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.

ORS 540.621 establishes the process for the owner of land to which a water right is appurtenant to certify under oath that the water right, or a portion thereof, has been abandoned and to voluntarily request that it be cancelled.

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**Findings of Fact**

**Background**

1. On March 1, 2012, WILLAMETTE EGG FARMS filed an application for additional points of appropriation and changes in places of use under Certificates 42788 and 44577. The Department assigned the application number T-11366.
2. On August 10, 2012, the applicant submitted an amended application clarifying the place of use proposed for transfer under Certificate 44577.
3. On September 11, 2012, the Department received affidavits from Willamette Egg Farms, 31348 S. Highway 170, Canby, OR 97013, stating that the entity is the owner of lands and the water right appurtenant as evidenced by Certificates 42788 and 44577, State Record of Water Right Certificates. The affidavits further state they have obtained a different source of

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.

water for primary irrigation of these lands and requests the entire water rights be diminished from rights for primary irrigation to rights for supplemental irrigation of the lands upon approval of Application G-17461.

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

**Certificate:** 42788 in the name of TALMER DYBVAD (perfected under Permit G-4046)

**Use:** IRRIGATION of 66.0 ACRES

**Priority Date:** MAY 29, 1968

**Rate:** 0.826 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

**Limit/Duty:** The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 2.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

**Source:** A WELL, tributary of BEAR CREEK (WILLAMETTE RIVER)

**Authorized Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
5 S	1 E	WM	9	SE NE	1680 FEET SOUTH AND 40 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 9

**Authorized Place of Use:**

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Type of Change
5 S	1 E	WM	9	NE NE	12.8	APOA
5 S	1 E	WM	9	SE NE	16.6	APOA
5 S	1 E	WM	9	SE NE	2.6	APOA/POU
5 S	1 E	WM	10	NW NW	17.7	APOA
5 S	1 E	WM	10	NW NW	2.1	APOA/POU
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	6.6	APOA
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	7.6	APOA/POU
Total					66.0	

5. Transfer Application T-11366 proposes additional points of appropriation approximately 1300 feet from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	1780 FEET SOUTH AND 280 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 10
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	1380 FEET SOUTH AND 1230 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 10
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	1890 FEET SOUTH AND 380 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 10

6. Transfer Application T-11366 also proposes to change the place of use of 12.3 acres of the right to:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	2.8
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SE NW	9.5
Total					12.3

7. The second right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 44577 in the name of WILLAMETTE EGG FARM (perfected under Permit G-5414)

**Use:** IRRIGATION of 28.4 ACRES

**Priority Date:** MAY 27, 1971

**Rate:** 0.36 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

**Limit/Duty:** The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 2.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

**Source:** A WELL, a tributary of the BEAR CREEK OVERFLOW CHANNEL

**Authorized Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
5 S	1 E	WM	9	SE NE	1680 FEET SOUTH AND 40 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 9

**Authorized Place of Use:**

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Type of Change
5 S	1 E	WM	10	NW NW	9.3	APOA
5 S	1 E	WM	10	NW NW	2.3	APOA/POU
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	12.5	APOA/POU
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	4.3	APOA
Total					28.4	

8. Transfer Application T-11366 proposes additional points of appropriation approximately 1300 feet from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	1890 FEET SOUTH AND 380 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 10
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	1780 FEET SOUTH AND 280 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 10
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SW NW	1380 FEET SOUTH AND 1230 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 10

9. Transfer Application T-11366 also proposes to change the place of use of 14.8 acres of the right to:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
5 S	1 E	WM	10	SE NW	14.8

10. Notice of the application for transfer was published on March 13, 2012, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
11. On July 31, 2012, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-11366 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of August 31, 2012, for the applicant to respond. The applicant requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination, provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicant is authorized to pursue the transfer, and requested a completion date of October 2015.

***Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)***

12. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the rights. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
13. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing rights were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-11366.
14. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the rights.
15. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
16. Transfer Application T-11366 is contingent upon approval of Application G-17461.

***Partial Cancellation of a Water Right***

1. On March 1, 2012, an affidavit certifying that a portion of a water right has been abandoned and requesting cancellation of the right was received from Smyrna United Church of Christ. The right to be cancelled is as follows:

**Certificate:** 42788 in the name of TALMER DYBVAD (perfected under Permit G-4046)  
**Use:** IRRIGATION of 0.3 ACRE  
**Priority Date:** MAY 29, 1968  
**Rate:** 0.004 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND  
**Limit/Duty:** The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to ONE-

EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 2.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

**Source:** A WELL, tributary of BEAR CREEK (WILLAMETTE RIVER)

**Authorized Point of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
5 S	1 E	WM	9	SE NE	1780 FEET SOUTH AND 40 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 9

**Authorized Place of Use to be Cancelled:**

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
5 S	1 E	WM	9	NE NE	0.3

**Determination and Proposed Action**

The additional points of appropriation and changes in places of use proposed in Transfer Application T-11366 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000, the abandoned right should be cancelled, and the water rights should be diminished to supplemental. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the application will be approved and the abandoned right(s) will be cancelled.

*If Transfer Application T-11366 is approved, the final order will include the following:*

1. *The additional points of appropriation, changes in places of use, and diminishment to supplemental irrigation proposed in Transfer Application T-11366 are approved. The portion of the right that has been abandoned is cancelled.*
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 42788 and 44577 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right certificate 42788 and 44577 are cancelled.*
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. *Water use measurement conditions:*
  - a. *Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device at each point of appropriation (new and existing).*
  - b. *The water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order.*

*c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meters or measuring devices is located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.*

6. *Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.*
7. *The former places of use of the transferred rights shall no longer receive water under the rights.*
8. *Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2015**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the changes and full beneficial use of the water.*
9. *After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 18 day of September, 2012.

  
Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for  
PHILIP 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 [Teri.K.Hranac@wrđ.state.or.us](mailto:Teri.K.Hranac@wrđ.state.or.us).

Protests should be addressed to the attention of Transfer and Conservation Section, Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Suite A, Salem, OR 97301-1266.