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STANLEY AND FERNE ROBERTS
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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-11756

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-11756. This document is an intermediate step in the approval process; water may not be used legally as proposed in the transfer application until a Final Order has been issued by the Department. Please read this entire letter carefully to determine your responsibility for additional action.

A public notice is being published in the Department's weekly publication simultaneously with issuance of the Preliminary Determination. The notice initiates a period in which any person may file either a protest opposing the decision proposed by the Department in the Preliminary Determination or a standing statement supporting the Department's decision. The protest period will end 30 days after the Department's notice.

If no protest is filed, the Department will issue a Final Order consistent with the Preliminary Determination. You should receive a copy of the Final Order about 30 days after the close of the protest period.

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 Tracy.L.Fox@wrd.state.or.us or 503 986-0827 if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Codi Holmes

for Ms. Tracy Fox
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**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Ground Water	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
Registration Modification Application	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF
T-11756, Clackamas County	)	RECOGNITION OF AN ADDITIONAL
	)	POINT OF APPROPRIATION

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.

Applicants

STANLEY AND FERNE ROBERTS
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Findings of Fact

1. On March 12, 2014, STANLEY AND FERNE ROBERTS filed a ground water registration modification application to recognize an additional point of appropriation under Registration Application GR- 3404 (Certificate of Registration GR- 3254). The Department assigned the application number T-11756.
2. On March 13, 2014, Registration Application GR-3404 (Certificate of Registration GR-3254) was partially assigned from AGNES DEAN to STANLEY AND FERNE ROBERTS.
3. Notice of the application for ground water registration modification was published on March 25, 2014, pursuant to OAR 690-382-0600. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
4. On July 15, 2014, the Department contacted the applicants by written correspondence and on July 16, 2014, the Department spoke with applicant Stanley Roberts, to notify the applicants of the deficiencies in the application. The Department requested that the deficiencies be resolved by August 15, 2014. On July 21, 2014, the Department received amended application pages and a map resolving the deficiencies.

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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5. On August 1, 2014, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Groundwater Registration Modification Application T-11756 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of September 2, 2014, 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 Groundwater Registration Modification.

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

Registration: Groundwater Registration Application T -11756 (Certificate of Registration GR-3254), in the name of AGNES DEAN (partially assigned to STANLEY AND FERNE ROBERTS)
Use: IRRIGATION of 3.79 ACRES
Tentative Priority Date: 1951
Quantity: 15 GALLONS PER MINUTE
Source: A WELL within the DOLAN CREEK BASIN

Original Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
1 S	4 E	WM	32	SW SE	60 FEET NORTH AND 165 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF THE SWSE OF SECTION 32

7. Information provided by the applicants better describes the location of the point of appropriation as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
1 S	4 E	WM	32	SW SE	600 FEET NORTH AND 175 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF THE SWSE OF SECTION 32

8. Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-11756 proposes an additional point of appropriation approximately 315 feet from the original point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
1 S	4 E	WM	32	SW SE	290 FEET NORTH AND 170 FEET WEST FROM THE SW CORNER OF THE SESE OF SECTION 32

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

9. The proposed modification would not result in enlargement of the ground water registration.
10. The proposed modification 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.
11. The proposed modification would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action

The additional point of appropriation proposed in Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-11756 appears 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 690-380-4030, the modification will be approved.

If Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-11756 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The modification to Registration Application GR-3404 (Certificate of Registration GR-3254) proposed in Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-11756 is recognized. Recognition of the modification 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-3404 (Certificate of Registration GR-3254) 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 point 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 are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 5 day of September, 2014.


Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for
Director, Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Tracy Fox. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503 986-0827 or Tracy.L.Fox@wrdd.state.or.us.