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November 19, 2015

VIA E-MAIL

Applicant

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12052

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12052. 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 503-986-0886 or <u>Patrick.K.Starnes@wrd.state.or.us</u> if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Kelly Starnes Transfer Program Analyst Transfer and Conservation Section

cc: Transfer Application file T-12052
Dave S. Williams, District 15 Watermaster (via e-mail)
Nathan Reed, Agent/CWRE for the applicant (via e-mail)

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BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

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In the Matter of Transfer Application T-12052, Douglas County PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN POINT OF DIVERSION

Authority

Oregon Revised Statute (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. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

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Findings of Fact

- On April 30, 2015, LEONARD W. RILEY III filed an application to change the point of diversion under Certificate 90075. The Department assigned the application number T-12052.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on May 5, 2015, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On September 16, 2015 the applicant submitted a revised application, (Part 5) matching the acres in the table to the map.
- 4. On October 14, 2015 the applicant submitted a revised application map clarifying the location of the remaining right acres.
- 5. On October 14, 2015, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12052 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of November 16, 2015, 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

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.

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

Certificate:	90075 in the name of RICHARD GRAHAM AND JOANNE GRAHAM (perfected under Permit S-43279)
Use:	IRRIGATION OF 2.0 ACRES AND LIVESTOCK USE
Priority Date:	MAY 18, 1978
Rate:	0.025 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND FOR IRRIGATION AND
	0.0024 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND FOR STOCKWATER
Limit/Duty:	The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second, 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:	NORTH UMPQUA RIVER, tributary to the UMPQUA RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
26 S	4 W	WM	17	NW NW	4	1000 FEET SOUTH AND 380 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 17

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
26 S	4 W	WM	18	NE NE	1	2.0

LIVESTOCK						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	
26 S	4 W	WM	18	NE NE	1	

7. Transfer Application T-12052 proposes to move the authorized point of diversion approximately 360 feet downstream to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
26 S	4 W	WМ	17	NW NW	4	1310 FEET NORTH AND 50 FEET EAST FROM THE W ¹ /4 CORNER OF SECTION 17

8. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has determined that a fish screen is necessary at the new point of diversion to prevent fish from entering the diversion and that the diversion is currently equipped with an appropriate fish screen.

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

9. 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.

- 10. A diversion structure and ditch 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-12052.
- 11. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 12. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-12052 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-12052 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-12052 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 90075and any related decree.
- 3. Water right Certificate 90075 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.
- 4. The quantity of water diverted at the new point of diversion shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of diversion.
- 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 new point of diversion.
 - b. The water user shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.
 - c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- 6. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2017**. 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 change and full beneficial use of the water.

7. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 20^{-1} day of November 2015. Dwight French. Water Right Services Administrator, for

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, f Thomas M. Byler, Director Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Marcy Osborn. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 541-523-8224 ext.228 or marcy.j.osborn@wrd.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.