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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12389

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12389. 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 and in the World newspaper, 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 last date of newspaper publication.

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 503-986-0806 or arla.l.heard@oregon.gov if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: T-12389
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**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-12389, Curry County	)	PROPOSING AN ADDITIONAL POINT
	)	OF DIVERSION AND A CHANGE IN
	)	PLACE OF USE

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 540.505 to 540.580 establish 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 Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implement the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

Applicant

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Findings of Fact

1. On May 21, 2016, ELIZABETH HARRISON, ET.AL. filed an application for an additional point of diversion and to change the place of use under Certificate 42376. The Department assigned the application number T-12389.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on May 31, 2016, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On March 7, 2017, the Department e-mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12389 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of April 7, 2017, 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.
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4. The right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 42376 in the name of VIRGIL A. WOODWARD (perfected under Permit S-29853)
Use: IRRIGATION of 10.1 ACRES
Priority Date: JULY 30, 1964
Rate: 0.13 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: FLORAS CREEK, a tributary of the Pacific Ocean

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
31 S	15 E	WM	1	SE SE	320 FEET NORTH AND 1230 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 1

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
31 S	15 W	WM	1	SW SE	10.0
31 S	15 W	WM	1	SE SE	0.1
Total					10.1

5. Certificate 42376 contains a scrivener's error describing the location of the point of diversion. The correct description is as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
31 S	15 W	WM	1	SE SE	320 FEET NORTH AND 1230 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 1

6. Transfer Application T-12389 proposes an additional point of diversion approximately 0.3 miles downstream to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
31 S	15 W	WM	1	SE SW	635 FEET NORTH AND 285 FEET WEST FROM THE S¼ CORNER OF SECTION 1

7. Transfer Application T-12389 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
31 S	15 W	WM	1	SW SE	6.0
31 S	15 W	WM	1	SE SE	0.1
31 S	15 W	WM	1	SE SW	4.0
Total					10.1

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 not currently equipped with an appropriate fish screen. This diversion may be eligible for screening cost-share funds.

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 pump, pipeline, and distribution system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right was present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-12389.
11. The proposed changes would not result in enlargement of the rights.
12. The proposed changes would not result in injury to other water rights.

Determination and Proposed Action

The additional point of diversion and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12389 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-12389 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The additional point of diversion and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12389 are 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 42376 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right Certificate 42376 is cancelled.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the additional point of diversion, together with that diverted at the original 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 (new and existing).*
 - b. *The water user shall maintain the 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*

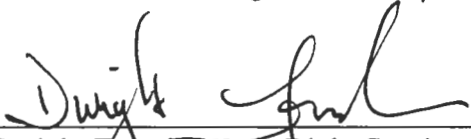
within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

6. *Prior to diverting water, the water user shall install an approved fish screen at the new point of diversion and shall provide to the OWRD a written statement from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) that the installed screen meets the state's criteria, or that ODFW has determined a screen is not necessary.*

The water user shall operate and maintain the fish screen at the new point of diversion consistent with ODFW's operational and maintenance standards. If ODFW determines the screen is not functioning properly, and is unsuccessful in working with the water user to meet ODFW standards, ODFW may request that OWRD regulate the use of water until OWRD receives notification from ODFW that the fish screen is functioning properly.

7. *The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.*
8. *Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2019**. 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, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 14 day of June 2017.


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

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Arla Heard. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0806 or arla.l.heard@oregon.gov

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

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