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VIA E-MAIL

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12361

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12361. 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 503-986-0892 or Joan.M.Smith@oregon.gov if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith
Transfer Specialist
Transfer and Conservation Section

cc: Transfer Application file T-12361
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**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-12361, Marion County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF
)	ADDITIONAL POINTS OF
)	APPROPRIATION

Authority

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

Applicant

ROBERT W. GABRIEL TRUST
8474 HAZELGREEN RD NE
SALEM, OR 97381

Findings of Fact

1. On April 29, 2016, ROBERT W. GABRIEL TRUST filed an application for additional points of appropriation under Certificate 83030. The Department assigned the application number T-12361.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on May 3, 2016, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On January 9, 2017, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12361 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of February 10, 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.

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

Certificate: 83030 in the name of RONALD G. BOLTMAN (perfected under Permit G-10690)

Use: NURSERY USES and IRRIGATION of 18.5 ACRES

Priority Date: JANUARY 20, 1987

Rate: 0.668 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, 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: A WELL within the WILLAMETTE BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Measured Distances
6 S	3 W	WM	24	NW NE	66	360 FEET SOUTH AND 1580 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF DLC 66

Authorized Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
6 S	3 W	WM	13	SW SE	5	1.50
6 S	3 W	WM	24	NE NE		0.30
6 S	3 W	WM	24	NW NE		16.70

5. Transfer Application T-12361 proposes two additional points of appropriation approximately 200-800 feet from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
6 S	3 W	WM	24	NW NE	WELL 1-(MARI 58798) 1085 FEET SOUTH AND 865 FEET EAST FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 24
6 S	3 W	WM	24	NW NE	WELL 3- 215 FEET SOUTH AND 1235 FEET EAST FROM THE NORTH 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 24

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

6. 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.
7. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system 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-12361.
8. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
9. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.

10. All other application requirements are met.


Determination and Proposed Action

The additional points of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-12361 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-12361 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The additional points of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-12361 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 83030 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right Certificate 83030 is 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 shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.*
6. *Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2018**. 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 6 day of July 2017



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

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

Notice Regarding Service Members: Active duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §§501-597b. You may contact the Oregon State Bar or the Oregon Military Department for more information. The toll-free telephone number for the Oregon State Bar is: 1 (800) 452-8260. The toll-free telephone number of the Oregon Military Department is: 1 (800) 452-7500. The Internet address for the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Legal Services Locator website is: <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Joan Smith, if you have questions with regard to this document you may contact me at Joan.M.SMITH@oregon.gov or by phone at 503-986-0892