

Application for District Permanent Water Right

Transfer

Please type or print legibly in dark ink. If your application is incomplete or inaccurate, we will return it to you. If any requested information does not apply to your application, insert "N/A" to indicate "Not Applicable." As you complete this form, please refer to notes and guidance included on the application. A summary of review criteria and procedures that are generally applicable to the application is available at www.wrd.state.or.us/OWRD/PUBS/forms.shtml#app criteria review.

Change in Place of Use Only

1A. APPLICANT INFORMATION

IRRIGATION DISTRIC			PHONE NO.	ADDITIONAL CONTACT NO.		
West Extension	rrigation District		(541) 922-3814			
ADDRESS	•			FAX NO.		
P.O. Box 100						
CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL			
Irrigon OR 97844 bbridge@oregontrail.net						
BY PROVIDING AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, CONSENT IS GIVEN TO RECEIVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE						
				NTS WILL ALSO BE MAILED.		

1B. AGENT INFORMATION

AGENT/BUSINESS NAME		PHONE NO.	ADDITIONAL CONTACT NO.					
Molly Reid, EA Enginee								
ADDRESS	FAX NO.							
8019 W. Quinault Avenu		·						
CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL					
Kennewick	WA	99336	mreid@eaest.com					
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DEPARTMENT ELECT	DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY. COPIES OF THE FINAL ORDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE MAILED.							

2. PROPOSED CHANGE(S) TO WATER RIGHT(S)

List <u>all</u> water rights to be affected by this transfer. Indicate the certificate, permit, decree or other identifying number(s) in the table below: (Attach additional pages as necessary.)

	Certificate	Permit / Previous Transfer	Decree
1.	87799	S -45999	
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3. ATTACHMENTS

Check each of the following **attachments** included with this application. The application will be returned if all required attachments are not included.

Supplemental Form A –	Fees:
 Description of Proposed Change(s) to a Water Right ☑ A separate Supplemental Form A is enclosed for each water right to be affected by this transfer. Map ☑ Permanent Transfer A map meeting the requirements of OAR 690-385-3300 must be included but need not be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner (CWRE). 	 ☑ Amount enclosed: \$ See the Department's Fee Schedule at www.wrd.state.or.us or call (503) 986-0900. Land Use Compatibility Statement - NA ☐ The Land Use Information Form is not required if water is to be diverted, conveyed and/or used only on federal lands or if ALL of the following apply: a) a change in place of use only, b) a change that does not involve the placement or modification of structures, c) the use of water is for irrigation only and d) the use is located within an irrigation district or an exclusive farm use zone.
4. SIGN	ATURES
 The district certifies the following: (1) The water rights proposed for transfer are subject to forfeiture for nonuse under ORS (2) Each user affected by the proposed transfer transfer and such authorization is on file w (3) On behalf of the district, I affirm to the best this application is true and accurate. 	5 540.610; r has provided written authorization for the

Beverling Bridgewater, Manager District Manager Senature Name (print)

OR

Authorized District Representative signature name (print)

date

Before submitting your application to the Department, be sure you have:

- Answered each question completely.
- Included all the required attachments.
- Included a check payable to the Oregon Water Resources Department for the appropriate amount.

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District Permanent Water Right Transfer Application

Supplemental Form A

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CHANGE(S) TO A WATER RIGHT

List only one water right per page. A separate Supplemental Form A must be completed for each certificate, permit, decree, or other right involved in the proposed transfer.

Attach additional copies of Supplemental Form A as needed to describe other certificates, permits, decrees or other rights involved in this transfer.

1. CURRENT WATER RIGHT INFORMATION

Water Right Subject to Transfer (check and complete one of the following):

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	Certificated Right	87799	CONFISCATED LANDS	
Confined Rig	Certificated Right	Certificate Number		
	Adjudicated,			
	Non-certificated Right	Name of Decree	Page Number	
	Permit for which Proof has	-		
	been Approved	Permit Number	Date Claim of Beneficial Use Submitted	
тí	Transferred Right for which	· -		
	Proof has been Filed	Previous Transfer Number	Date Claim of Beneficial Use Submitted	
П	Permit for Supplemental	- .		
	Irrigation	Permit Number		L
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•	Name on Permit, Certificate, o	r Decree: West Extension	on Irrigation District DEC 2 2	2017
•	Priority Date(s): 1981			
	provided in Supplemental For	n A of this application n	vater right, any information SALEM, nust identify which priority diversion or appropriation and	
	Source(s) of Water to be Affect	eted by Transfer: Columb	oia River	
	Tributary to: Pacific Ocean			
-	Are there other water rights, this land?	Permits or Ground Water	er Registrations associated with	
	⊠ Yes □ No			
	If "Yes", what are the Permit, portion of this certificate app	•		
	Any "layered" water use or a refor transfer must be included			

District Permanent Transfer Application Supplemental Form A Page 1 of 4

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■ Certificate Number or other identifying number: <u>87799 – Confiscated Lands</u>

The following information must be provided only for those points of diversion or appropriation that are involved in the transfer.

If a point of diversion or appropriation is not numbered on the decree or water right certificate or permit, assign it a unique number in the following table (e.g. POD #1 or POA(well) #1). Use the number to refer to the point of diversion or appropriation serving the place of use described in Tables I and II. Note: Permanent district transfers do not allow for a change in point of diversion or appropriation to serve the proposed place of use.

Government lot and donation land claim numbers must be included in the table below only if the information is reflected on the existing water right.

Location of Existing Authorized Point(s) of Diversion (POD) or Appropriation (POA):

(i.e., the allowed point(s) of diversion or appropriation listed on the water right for the "FROM" or "OFF" lands)

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POD# or POA#	TWP	RNG	SEC	QQ	DLC	GOV'T LOT	MEASURED DISTANCES
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■ Certificate Number or other identifying number: 87799 – Confiscated Lands

Provided the district filed notice of a change in place of use pursuant to OAR 690-385-4100, reference the District Internal Notice Number (DINN) used to describe the change(s) to be made permanent by this transfer.

Government lot (GOV"T LOT) and donation land claim numbers (DLC) must be included in the tables below only if the information is reflected on the existing water right.

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POD#	•			·-·	L	EGAL DE	SCRIPT	ION				
or POA#	PRIORITY DATE	USE	TWP	RNG	SEC	QQ	DLC	GOV'T LOT	TAX LOT	ACRES	USER NAME	DINN
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	23	SWNW			1800	0.9	N.Kiesel	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	23	SWNW	,		1801	1.0	N.Kiesel	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	23	SWSE			1905	1.1	Stewart	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	23	SWSE		.*	1909	1.2	Cornejo/Nieto	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	23	SWSE			1911	1.0	Cornejo/Nieto	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	- 23	SWSE		an,	1907	1.3	Torres/Vasquez	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	24	SESW			109	0.15	Madrigal	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	. 5N	26E	25 [°]	SWNE			2003	0.2	Vickery	Confiscated Lands
. 4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	25	NENW	-		302	0.5	C.Rock	- Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	25	NENW			303	0.3	C.Rock	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	25	NENW	١		304	0.3	S.Rock	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	25	NESW			1304	0.1	Fleming	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IŖ	5N	26E	25	NESW			303	. 0.2	Cunningham	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	26	NWNW			324	0.1	Yoder	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	26	NWNW			325	0.3	Mendoza	Confiscated Lands
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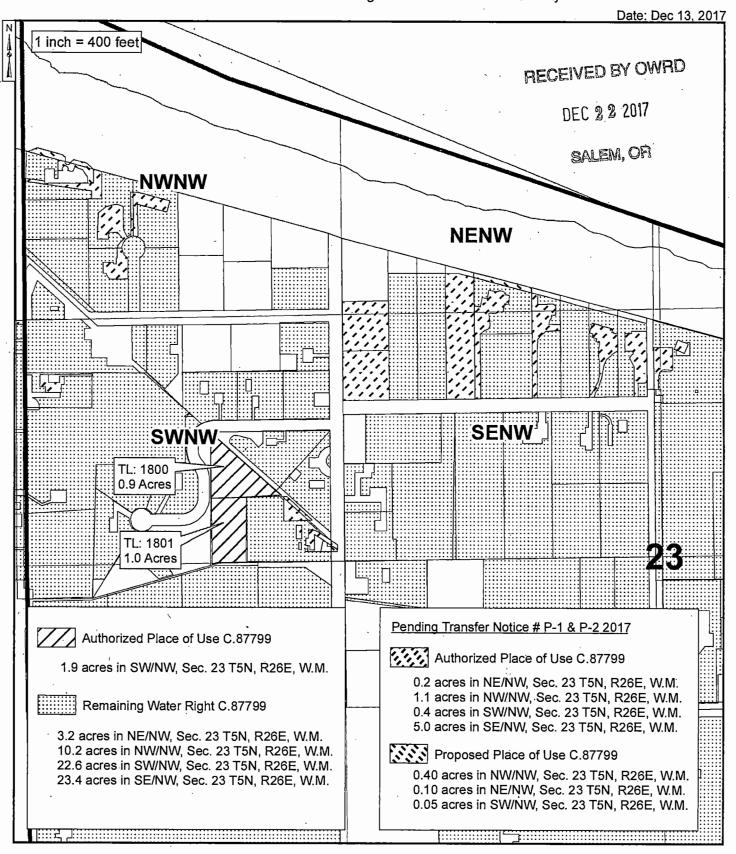
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TABLE II. – PROPOSED PLACE OF USE												
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4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	26	NWNW.			306	0.30	Luna	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	26	SWNW	ŕ		200	2.0	Suchy	Confiscated Lands
· · ′4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	26	SWNW			201	1.2	Suchy	Confiscated Lands
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4	6/15/1981	· IR	5N	26E	26	NESW			400	. 3.8	McNamee	Confiscated Lands
4	6/15/1981	IR	5N	26E	26	SESW			400	0.2	McNamee	Confiscated Lands
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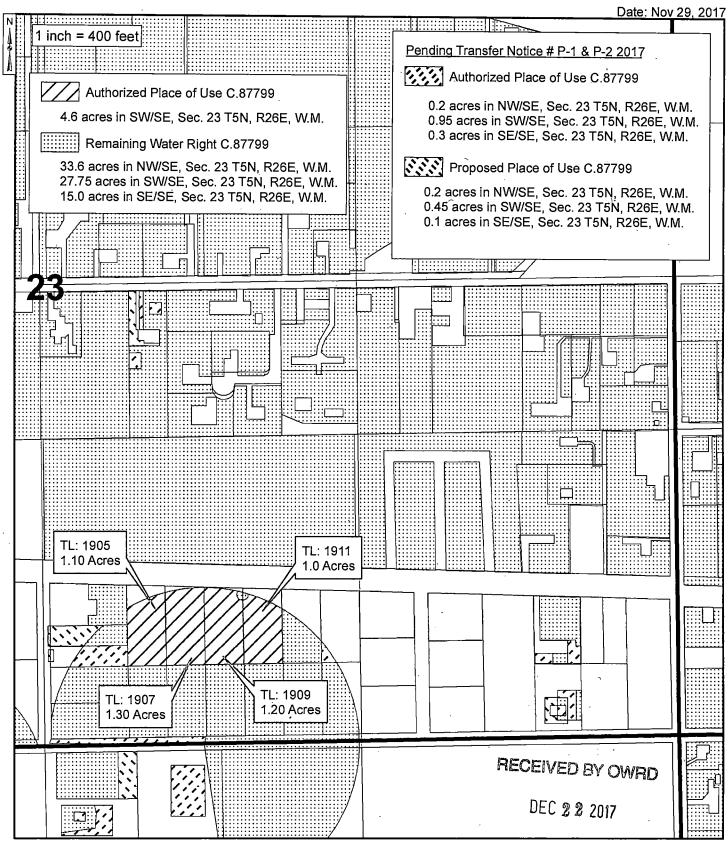
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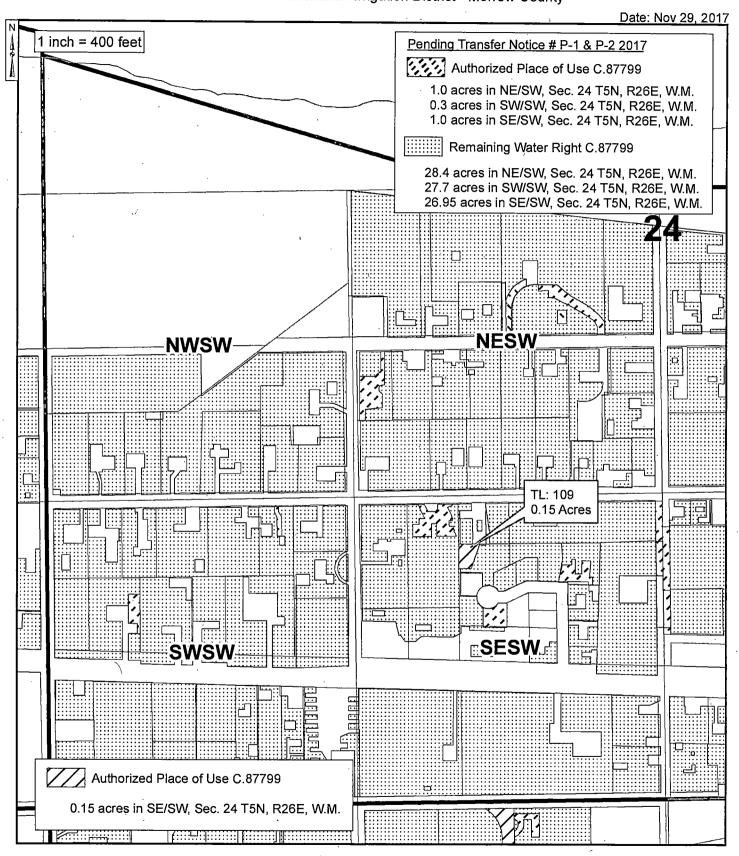






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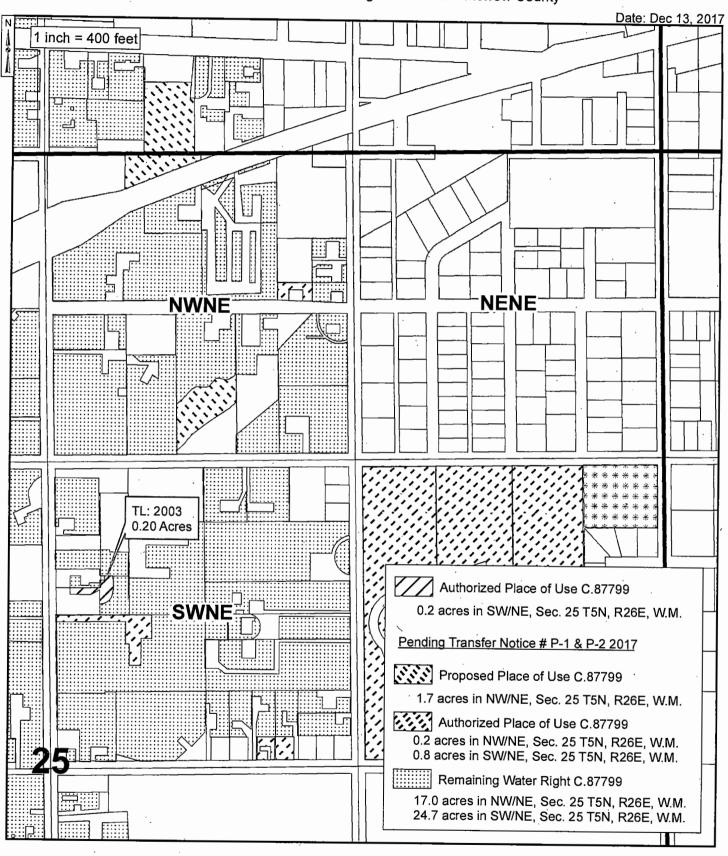






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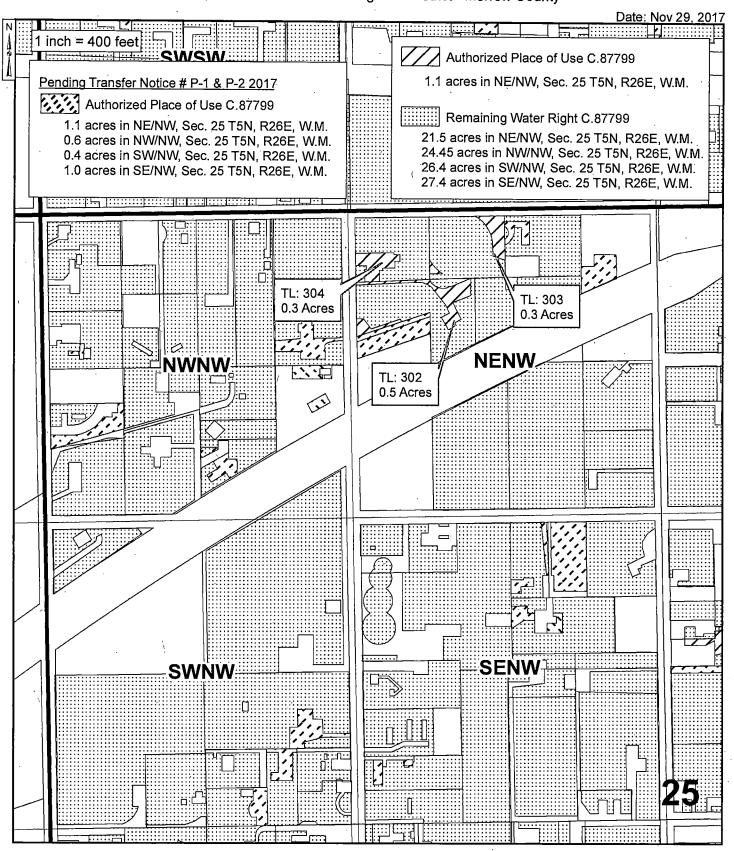




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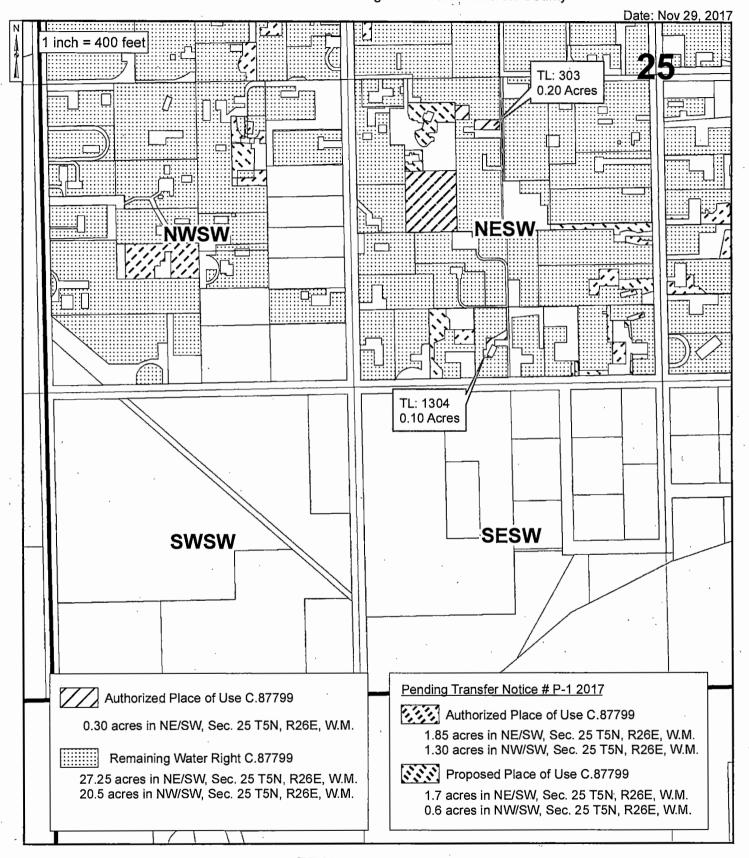




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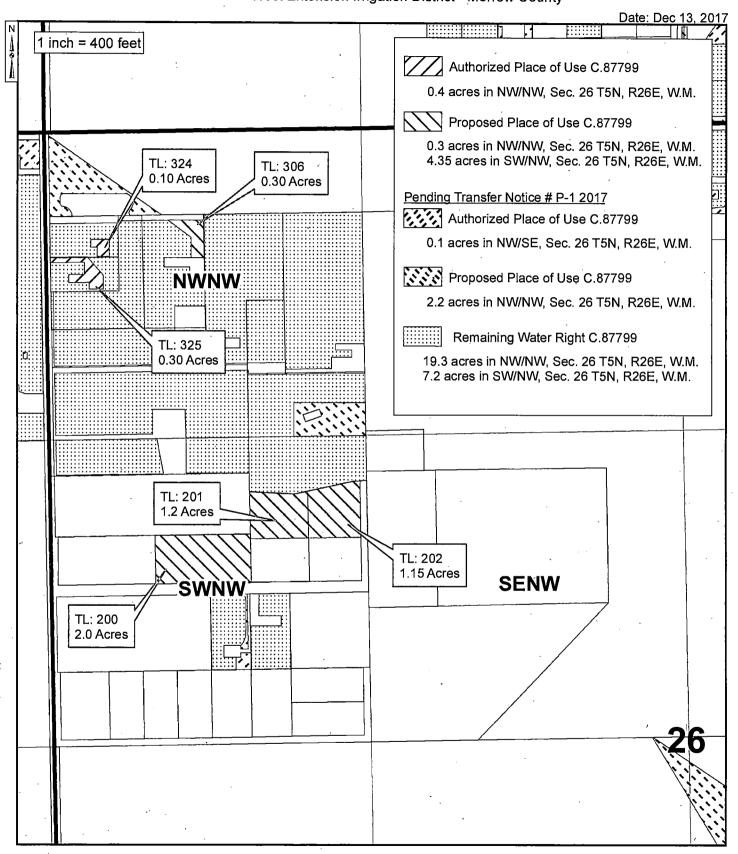




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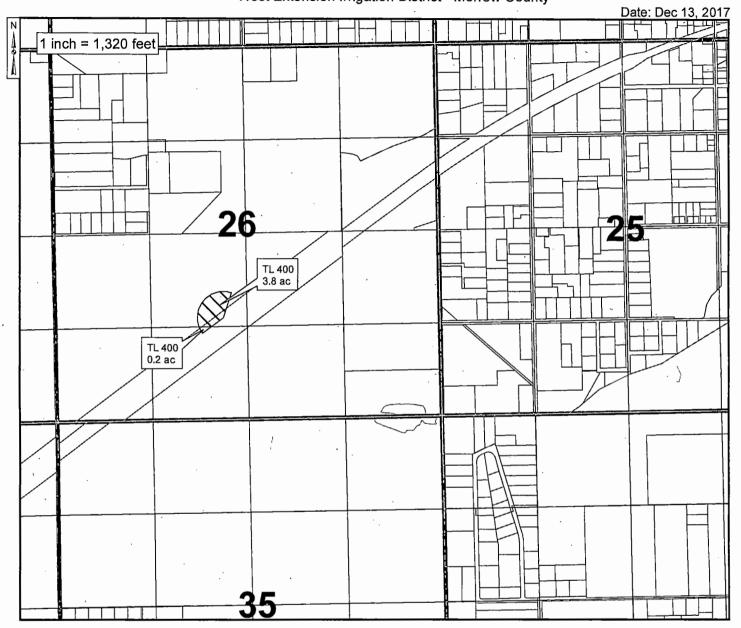




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3.8 acres in NE/SW Sec. 26, T5N R26E, W.M.

0.2 acres in SE/SW Sec. 26, T5N R26E, W.M.





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540.572 FORFEITURE TRANSFER AUTHORIZED LANDS

5N 26E 23 SWNW 1800/1801 NORMAN/DEBRA KIESEL

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P. O. Box 100; Irrigon, OR 97844-0100 541-922-3814 (ph) 541-922-9775 (fax) lisa@WestExtension.com

December 19, 2017

Norman & Debra Kiesel 570 Walnut St. Lebanon, OR 97355

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2623B 1800 & 1801

1.90 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kiesel:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

Per OAR 690-385-5400(2)(a) OWRD shall approve the district permanent transfer application as provided under OAR 690-385-5600 unless:

- A. The application does not include the information required under OAR 690-385-5200; or
- B. The user, of lands from which water rights are to be transferred, submits a protest pursuant to OAR chapter 690, Division 002
 - b. The user has the right to protest the application as described in OAR 690-385-5700

You have 60 days from the date of mailing of this notice to submit a protest of the permanent transfer application to OWRD. OAR 690-385-5700(2) & (3) states that: Protest shall be filed in accordance with OAR Chapter 690, Division 002, and shall include the fee required under ORS 536.050; and, each person submitting a protest shall raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting the person's position by the close of the protest period. Failure to raise a reasonable ascertainable issue in a protest or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the Department an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes consideration of the issue during the hearing.

Enclosed are copies of the district permanent transfer application and maps. Please keep in mind if you wish to protest this transfer application with OWRD, the deadline for protest is 60 days from the date of this mailing.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

Lisa M Baum

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Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Mailed via certified mail December 19, 2017 Encl.

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October 20, 2017

Norman & Debra Kiesel 570 Walnut St. Lebanon, OR 97355

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RE:

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2623B 1800 & 1801

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Total Irrigated Acres: Acres to be Confiscated: 1.90

1.90

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Dear Patron:

Our records indicate that you have failed to beneficially use all or part of your water right for the last 5 consecutive years. By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate the portion of your water right referenced above for failure to beneficially use the water for at least one of the last 5 consecutive years (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed in the county records for your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD), as required by statute. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the District Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water and a water right map indicating the unused portion of your water right.

Certified letters were sent to you and any known security interest holders prior to the beginning of the 2017 irrigation season, informing you of the non-use of all or a portion of the water right, the options available to assist you in fulfilling the OWRD's beneficial use requirements, and WEID's intent to confiscate any remaining unused water at the end of the 2017 irrigation season. Available options included using the full water right beneficially; leasing, at a minimum, the unused portion of the water right instream; and transferring off the unused water right. Site visits were completed during 2017 irrigation season to review any signs of full beneficial use of the water right. In addition, multiple years of aerial photos were also used to assist in the review of what may or may not have been irrigated between 2012 and 2017.

Failure to prove full beneficial use is a very serious matter and is cause for forfeiture of the unused water right. Oregon Revised Statute 540.610 clearly states the requirement of beneficial use:

ORS 540.610 Use as measure of water right; presumption of forfeiture of right for nonuse; basis for rebutting presumption; confirmation of rights of municipalities. (1) Beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure and the limit of all rights to the use of water in this state. Whenever the owner of a perfected and developed water right ceases or fails to use all or part of the water appropriated for a period of five successive years, the failure to use shall establish a rebuttable presumption of forfeiture of all or part of the water right.

If you wish to dispute the confiscation and permanent removal of the unused water right from your property, you have 30 days from the date this letter was mailed (see date below) to notify the District of your objection ~ in writing. If you object or wish to demonstrate that non-use is excusable under one of the provisions allowed in ORS 540.610(2)(a-n) (please see attached Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water for the full statute), a meeting will be scheduled with the District Manager to try to resolve the issue with you; and if unable to do so, a District hearing before the WEID Board of Directors will be held in December to determine if a petition to transfer the water off the lands should be filed with the OWRD Director. Failure to contact the District within 30 days will cause the water to be permanently transferred off of your property.

If you have any evidence that you have beneficially used all or part of your water right in question at any time during the last 5 years, please have the evidence ready to present at the time of your meeting with the District Manager and, if necessary, at the hearing with the Board of Directors.

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater District Manager

Encl.

cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder: none

Sent by certified mail October 24, 2017.

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3/6/2017

Norman and Debra Kiesel 570 Walnut Street Lebanon, OR 97355

Re: Water rights - 5N2623B 1800 & 1801

Dear Norman & Debra:

I understand you contacted our office recently and were aware of the irrigation water situation on your property in Irrigon. This letter clarifies the situation. Oregon water law requires water to be put to beneficial use at least one year out of every five. See the enclosed informational sheet "Oregon Water Law Questions and Answers" and/or refer to OAR Chapter 385.

The District received the water right certificate for the Columbia River water in Irrigon in 2012. Thus, the first year of "non-use" would be 2013.

Because this is a potential legal action of **PERMANENT WATER RIGHT TRANSFER DUE TO NON USE**, the District is notifying you in the enclosed letter of the action it is taking.

There are options available to you:

- Install irrigation on your property and irrigate in 2017.
- 2) Do an instream transfer of water for 2017.
- 3) Apply to temporarily transfer the water right off your property for 2017.

Please look over this letter and contact us right away if you disagree or want to consider any of the other options.

Thank you very much.

Bev Bridgewater

District Manager

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Encl. Notice of Permanent transfer due to non-use Map, Instream lease and temporary transfer information

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Norman & Debra Kiesel 570 Walnut Street Lebanon, OR 97355

VIA Regular and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE:

Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N 26 23B #1800 & 1801

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

1.90

Use of Water Rights:

Irrigation

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Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred: 1.9

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Dear Patron,

One of West Extension Irrigation District's top priorities is to preserve and protect the water rights within our system. With that we want to work together with you, our patrons, to preserve this precious resource. The 2017 irrigation season is nearly upon us, and with that, the District has completed the yearly review of beneficial use of all water rights within our District.

Through this review process we have identified that a <u>portion</u> or <u>all</u> of the water right on the above-noted property has not been beneficially used for 4 consecutive years. Oregon Revised Statute 540.610 clearly states the requirement of beneficial use:

540.610 Use as measure of water right; presumption of forfeiture of right for nonuse; basis for rebutting presumption; confirmation of rights of municipalities. (1) Beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure and the limit of all rights to the use of water in this state. Whenever the owner of a perfected and developed water right ceases or fails to use all or part of the water appropriated for a period of five successive years, the failure to use shall establish a rebuttable presumption of forfeiture of all or part of the water right.

Failure to prove beneficial use as stated is a very serious matter and is cause for forfeiture of the unused water right. At this time, you have <u>3 options</u> to protect this water right; they are as follows:

- 1. You must use the full water right on the ground exactly as it is mapped during the 2017 irrigation season (see enclosed map for location of mapped water rights);
- Lease, at minimum, the unused portion of the water right back in an in-stream lease for the 2017 season (the District will accept requests for temporary lease applications

through June 9, 2017). The water will go back onto your property at the end of the irrigation season (see enclosed information sheet); or

3. Transfer the unused water.

If you choose not to follow any of these options, the District will have no choice but to confiscate the unused water right at the end of the 2017 season by filing a petition with OWRD to transfer the water rights to other lands in the District.

By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate any water right that goes unused in 2017 (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed against your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Department (as required by statute).

If you have any evidence that you have used all of your water right at any time since 2013, please present the evidence to our office within 30 days from the date of this letter.

I have enclosed an aerial photo taken in 2015 showing where your mapped water rights are located, and the proposed area to be removed. Please note that the aerial photo may not fully represent your irrigation habits for the full 2016 irrigation season or any new structures, arenas, dry lots, etc. that may have been added to your property since the aerial photo was taken.

REMINDER: Whether you choose to use, lease, transfer, or not use your water rights in 2017, your 2017 Incurred Charges will still be due and payable to WEID by the due date.

It is our hope that we can work together to maintain the water rights on your property. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev Bridgewater or Lisa Baum at 541-922-3814 or by email to: bbridge@oregontrail.net as soon as possible so we can discuss your available options.

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Bev Bridgewater

District Manager

Encl.

Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder: Dolores Winter

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December 19, 2017

Thomas & Delores Stewart P. O. Box 959
Newman Lake, WA 99025

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2623D 1905

1.10 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stewart:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

Per OAR 690-385-5400(2)(a) OWRD shall approve the district permanent transfer application as provided under OAR 690-385-5600 unless:

- A. The application does not include the information required under OAR 690-385-5200; or
- B. The user, of lands from which water rights are to be transferred, submits a protest pursuant to OAR chapter 690, Division 002
 - b. The user has the right to protest the application as described in OAR 690-385-5700

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Enclosed are copies of the district permanent transfer application and maps. Please keep in mind if you wish to protest this transfer application with OWRD, the deadline for protest is 60 days from the date of this mailing.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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October 20, 2017

Thomas & Dolores Stewart P. O. Box 959
Newman Lake, WA 99025

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RE: Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2623D 1905

Total Irrigated Acres:

1.10

Acres to be Confiscated: 1.10

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Dear Patron:

Our records indicate that you have failed to beneficially use all or part of your water right for the last 5 consecutive years. By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate the portion of your water right referenced above for failure to beneficially use the water for at least one of the last 5 consecutive years (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed in the county records for your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD), as required by statute. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the District Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water and a water right map indicating the unused portion of your water right.

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Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater

District Manager

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3/6/2017

Thomas and Dolores Stewart P. O. Box 959
Newman Lake, WA 99025

Re: Water rights - 5N2623D 1905 - Notice of jeopardy

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Stewart:

While looking at water rights and irrigation in Irrigon, I notice that your property has not been irrigated in recent years. Oregon water law requires water to be put to beneficial use at least one year out of every five. See information in the enclosed newsletter or refer to Oregon Water Resources Department webpage. This puts your water rights in jeopardy for non-use.

The District received its water right certificate for the Columbia River water in Irrigon in 2012. Thus, the first year of "non-use" would be 2013.

Because this is a potential legal action of **PERMANENT WATER RIGHT TRANSFER DUE TO NON USE**, the District is notifying you in the enclosed letter of the action it is taking.

There are options available to you:

- 1) Install irrigation on your property and irrigate in 2017.
- 2) Do an instream transfer of water for 2017.
- 3) Apply to temporarily transfer the water right off your property for 2017.
- 4) Apply to permanently transfer the water right off your property.

Please look over the enclosed letter and contact us right away if you disagree or want to consider any of the other options.

Thank you very much.

Bev Bridgewater, District Manager

Ben Bridgewater

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Encl. Notice of Permanent transfer due to non-use Map, Instream lease and temporary transfer information

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Thomas & Dolores Stewart P. O. Box 959 Newman Lake, WA 99025

VIA Regular and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE:

Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N 26 23D #1905

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

1.10

Use of Water Rights:

Irrigation

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Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred: 1

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Dear Patron,

One of West Extension Irrigation District's top priorities is to preserve and protect the water rights within our system. With that we want to work together with you, our patrons, to preserve this precious resource. The 2017 irrigation season is nearly upon us, and with that, the District has completed the yearly review of beneficial use of all water rights within our District.

Through this review process we have identified that a <u>portion</u> or <u>all</u> of the water right on the above-noted property has not been beneficially used for 4 consecutive years. Oregon Revised Statute 540.610 clearly states the requirement of beneficial use:

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Failure to prove beneficial use as stated is a very serious matter and is cause for forfeiture of the unused water right. At this time, you have <u>3 options</u> to protect this water right; they are as follows:

- 1. You must use the full water right on the ground exactly as it is mapped during the 2017 irrigation season (see enclosed map for location of mapped water rights);
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through June 9, 2017). The water will go back onto your property at the end of the irrigation season (see enclosed information sheet); or

3. Transfer the unused water.

If you choose not to follow any of these options, the District will have no choice but to confiscate the unused water right at the end of the 2017 season by filing a petition with OWRD to transfer the water rights to other lands in the District.

By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate any water right that goes unused in 2017 (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed against your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Department (as required by statute).

If you have any evidence that you have used all of your water right at any time since 2013, please present the evidence to our office within 30 days from the date of this letter.

I have enclosed an aerial photo taken in 2015 showing where your mapped water rights are located, and the proposed area to be removed. Please note that the aerial photo may not fully represent your irrigation habits for the full 2016 irrigation season or any new structures, arenas, dry lots, etc. that may have been added to your property since the aerial photo was taken.

REMINDER: Whether you choose to use, lease, transfer, or not use your water rights in 2017, your 2017 Incurred Charges will still be due and payable to WEID by the due date.

It is our hope that we can work together to maintain the water rights on your property. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev Bridgewater or Lisa Baum at 541-922-3814 or by email to: bbridge@oregontrail.net as soon as possible so we can discuss your available options.

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Bev Bridgewater

District Manager

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Cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

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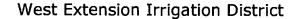
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December 19, 2017

Abraham Cornejo & Elida Nieto P. O. Box 207 Plymouth, WA 99346

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2623D 1909 & 1911

1.20 & 1.00 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. Cornejo & Ms. Nieto:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

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Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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October 27, 2017

Abraham Cornejo & Elida Nieto P. O. Box 207 Plymouth, WA 99346

RE: Map/Tax Lot#: 5N2623D 1909 & 1911

Total Irrigated Acres: Acres to be Confiscated: 1.20 & 1.00

1.30 & 1.10

Dear Patron:

Our records indicate that you have failed to beneficially use all or part of your water right for the last 5 consecutive years. By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate the portion of your water right referenced above for failure to beneficially use the water for at least one of the last 5 consecutive years (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed in the county records for your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD), as required by statute. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the District Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water and a water right map indicating the unused portion of your water right.

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Sincerely,

Burely J. Bridgewater

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District Manager

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cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

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3/6/2017

Abraham Cornejo & Elida Nieto P. O. Box 207 Plymouth, WA 99346

Re: Water rights - 5N2623D 1909 & 1911 - Notice of jeopardy

We contacted you last summer about the irrigation on your property and you responded that you would install a system and irrigate this 2017 season. Oregon water law requires water to be put to beneficial use at least one year out of every five. See information in the enclosed newsletter or refer to Oregon Water Resources Department webpage. As we mentioned in the earlier letter, this puts your water rights in jeopardy for non-use.

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Thank you very much.

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Bev Bridgewater, District Manager

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Encl. Notice of Permanent transfer due to non-use Map, Instream lease and temporary transfer information



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RE: Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N 26 23D #1909 & 1911

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

1.30 & 1.10

Use of Water Rights:

<u>Irrigation</u>

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Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred: 1.30 & 1.10

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Sincerely,

Bev Bridgewater

District Manager

Encl.

Cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder:

Sent by certified mail March 10, 2017.

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Water right (1010) 1012 1010 0000 2117







Abraham Cornejo & Elida Nieto P. O. Box 207 Plymouth, WA 99346

Re: Water rights - 5N2623D 1000

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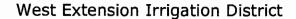
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December 19, 2017

Maria Magdalene Nieto Torres Luis Yescas Vasquez 2338 Lucretia Ave., Apt. 3 San Jose, CA 95112

RE: Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2623D 1907

1.30 acres of irrigation

Dear Ms. Nieto Torres & Mr. Yescas Vasquez:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

Per OAR 690-385-5400(2)(a) OWRD shall approve the district permanent transfer application as provided under OAR 690-385-5600 unless:

- A. The application does not include the information required under OAR 690-385-5200; or
- B. The user, of lands from which water rights are to be transferred, submits a protest pursuant to OAR chapter 690, Division 002
 - b. The user has the right to protest the application as described in OAR 690-385-5700

You have 60 days from the date of mailing of this notice to submit a protest of the permanent transfer application to OWRD. OAR 690-385-5700(2) & (3) states that: Protest shall be filed in accordance with OAR Chapter 690, Division 002, and shall include the fee required under ORS 536.050; and, each person submitting a protest shall raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting the person's position by the close of the protest period. Failure to raise a reasonable ascertainable issue in a protest or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the Department an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes consideration of the issue during the hearing.

Enclosed are copies of the district permanent transfer application and maps. Please keep in mind if you wish to protest this transfer application with OWRD, the deadline for protest is 60 days from the date of this mailing.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Mailed via certified mail December 19, 2017

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October 20, 2017

Maria Magdalene Nieto Torres Luis Yescas Vasquez 2338 Lucretia Ave., Apt. 3 San Jose, CA 95122

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RE:

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2623D 1907

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Total Irrigated Acres:

<u>1.30</u>

Acres to be Confiscated: 1.30

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Dear Patron:

Our records indicate that you have failed to beneficially use all or part of your water right for the last 5 consecutive years. By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate the portion of your water right referenced above for failure to beneficially use the water for at least one of the last 5 consecutive years (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed in the county records for your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD), as required by statute. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the District Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water and a water right map indicating the unused portion of your water right.

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If you wish to dispute the confiscation and permanent removal of the unused water right from your property, you have 30 days from the date this letter was mailed (see date below) to notify the District of your objection ~ in writing. If you object or wish to demonstrate that non-use is excusable under one of the provisions allowed in ORS 540.610(2)(a-n) (please see attached Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water for the full statute), a meeting will be scheduled with the District Manager to try to resolve the issue with you; and if unable to do so, a District hearing before the WEID Board of Directors will be held in December to determine if a petition to transfer the water off the lands should be filed with the OWRD Director. Failure to contact the District within 30 days will cause the water to be permanently transferred off of your property.

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Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater

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District Manager

Encl.

cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder: none

Sent by certified mail October 20, 2017.

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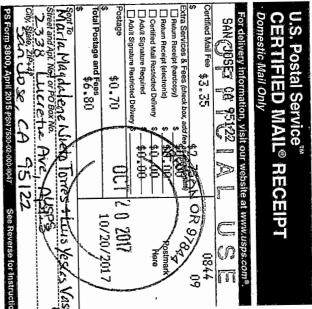
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3/6/2017

Maria Magdalena Nieto Torres Luis Yescas Vasquez 2338 Lucretia Ave., Apt. 3 San Jose, CA 95122

Re: Water rights - 5N2623D 1907 - Notice of jeopardy

While looking at water rights and irrigation in Irrigon, I notice that your property has not been irrigated in recent years. Oregon water law requires water to be put to beneficial use at least one year out of every five. See information in the enclosed newsletter or refer to Oregon Water Resources Department webpage. This puts your water rights in jeopardy for non-use.

The District received its water right certificate for the Columbia River water in Irrigon in 2012. Thus, the first year of "non-use" would be 2013.

Because this is a potential legal action of **PERMANENT WATER RIGHT TRANSFER DUE TO NON USE**, the District is notifying you in the enclosed letter of the action it is taking.

There are options available to you:

- 1) Install irrigation on your property and irrigate in 2017.
- 2) Do an instream transfer of water for 2017.
- 3) Apply to temporarily transfer the water right off your property for 2017.
- 4) Apply to permanently transfer the water right off your property.

Please look over the enclosed letter and contact us right away if you disagree or want to consider any of the other options.

Thank you very much.

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Bev Bridgewater, District Manager

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Encl. Notice of Permanent transfer due to non-use
Map, Instream lease and temporary transfer information



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VIA Regular and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE: Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N 26 23D #1907

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

1.30

Use of Water Rights:

Irrigation

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Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred: 1.3

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Dear Patron,

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Bev Bridgewater

District Manager

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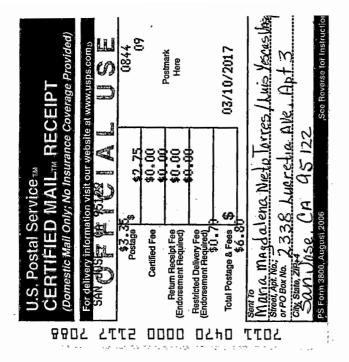
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Sent by certified mail March _____ 2017.

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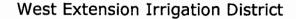
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December 19, 2017

Humberto Madrigal 540 SW. Third St. Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2624CD #0109

0.15 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. Madrigal:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

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Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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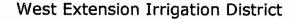
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October 20, 2017

Humberto Madrigal 540 SW. Third St. Irrigon, OR 97844

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RE: Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2624CD 0109

Total Irrigated Acres:

0.70

Acres to be Confiscated: 0.15

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Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater District Manager

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Sent by certified mail October 24, 2017.

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3/7/2017

Humberto Madrigal 540 SW Third St. Irrigon, OR 97844

Re: Water rights - 5N2624CD 109

Possible forfeiture of rights

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Humberto Madrigal 540 SW. Third Street Irrigon, OR 97844

VIA Regular and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE:

Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N 26 24CD #0109

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

0.70

Use of Water Rights:

Irrigation

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Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred:

0.15

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Bev Bridgewater

District Manager

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Cc:

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Sent by certified mail March 10_, 2017.

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December 19, 2017

Gay Lynn Vickery 485 SW. Second St. Irrigon, OR 97844

RE: Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2625A 2003

0.20 acres of irrigation

Dear Ms. Vickery:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

Per OAR 690-385-5400(2)(a) OWRD shall approve the district permanent transfer application as provided under OAR 690-385-5600 unless:

- A. The application does not include the information required under OAR 690-385-5200; or
- B. The user, of lands from which water rights are to be transferred, submits a protest pursuant to OAR chapter 690, Division 002
 - b. The user has the right to protest the application as described in OAR 690-385-5700

You have 60 days from the date of mailing of this notice to submit a protest of the permanent transfer application to OWRD. OAR 690-385-5700(2) & (3) states that: Protest shall be filed in accordance with OAR Chapter 690, Division 002, and shall include the fee required under ORS 536.050; and, each person submitting a protest shall raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting the person's position by the close of the protest period. Failure to raise a reasonable ascertainable issue in a protest or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the Department an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes consideration of the issue during the hearing.

Enclosed are copies of the district permanent transfer application and maps. Please keep in mind if you wish to protest this transfer application with OWRD, the deadline for protest is 60 days from the date of this mailing.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

Jisa M Baum

Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Mailed via certified mail December 19, 2017

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October 20, 2017

Gay Lynn Vickery 485 SW. Second St. Irrigon, OR 97844

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RE:

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2625A 2003

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Total Irrigated Acres:

0.60 Acres to be Confiscated: 0.20

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Dear Patron:

Our records indicate that you have failed to beneficially use all or part of your water right for the last 5 consecutive years. By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate the portion of your water right referenced above for failure to beneficially use the water for at least one of the last 5 consecutive years (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed in the county records for your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD), as required by statute. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the District Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water and a water right map indicating the unused portion of your water right.

Certified letters were sent to you and any known security interest holders prior to the beginning of the 2017 irrigation season, informing you of the non-use of all or a portion of the water right, the options available to assist you in fulfilling the OWRD's beneficial use requirements, and WEID's intent to confiscate any remaining unused water at the end of the 2017 irrigation season. Available options included using the full water right beneficially; leasing, at a minimum, the unused portion of the water right instream; and transferring off the unused water right. Site visits were completed during 2017 irrigation season to review any signs of full beneficial use of the water right. In addition, multiple years of aerial photos were also used to assist in the review of what may or may not have been irrigated between 2012 and 2017.

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If you wish to dispute the confiscation and permanent removal of the unused water right from your property, you have 30 days from the date this letter was mailed (see date below) to notify the District of your objection ~ in writing. If you object or wish to demonstrate that non-use is excusable under one of the provisions allowed in ORS 540.610(2)(a-n) (please see attached Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water for the full statute), a meeting will be scheduled with the District Manager to try to resolve the issue with you; and if unable to do so, a District hearing before the WEID Board of Directors will be held in December to determine if a petition to transfer the water off the lands should be filed with the OWRD Director. Failure to contact the District within 30 days will cause the water to be permanently transferred off of your property.

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Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater District Manager

Encl.

cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Security holder: Quicken Loans, Escrow Dept., 1050 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48226-1906

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3/7/2017

Gay Lynn Vickery 485 SW 2nd St. Irrigon, OR 97844

Re: Water rights - 5N2625A 2003

Dear Gay Lynn:

While looking at water rights and irrigation on your property, I noticed part of it is very dry. It is in jeopardy of losing the water rights due to non-use. Oregon water law requires water to be put to beneficial use at least one year out of every five. See the newsletter enclosed with your bill and/or refer to OAR Chapter 385 for more information about water rights. The District received the water right certificate for the Columbia River water in Irrigon in 2012. Thus, the first year of "non-use" would be 2013.

Because this is a potential legal action of **PERMANENT WATER RIGHT TRANSFER DUE TO NON USE**, the District is notifying you in the enclosed letter of the action it is taking.

Please look over this letter and the map as you may have irrigated a portion of what our mapper found. You should contact us right away if you disagree or want to consider other options, as outlined in the enclosed letter.

Thank you very much.

Bev Bridgewater District Manager 10/17 No irrigation This season.

Encl. Notice of Permanent transfer due to non-use
Map
Instream lease and temporary transfer information

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Gay Lynn Vickery 485 SW. Second St. Irrigon, OR 97844

VIA Regular and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE:

Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N 26 25A #2003

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

0.60

Use of Water Rights:

<u>Irrigation</u>

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Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred: 0.20

Dear Patron,

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One of West Extension Irrigation District's top priorities is to preserve and protect the water rights within our system. With that we want to work together with you, our patrons, to preserve this precious resource. The 2017 irrigation season is nearly upon us, and with that, the District has completed the yearly review of beneficial use of all water rights within our District.

Through this review process we have identified that a <u>portion</u> or <u>all</u> of the water right on the above-noted property has not been beneficially used for 4 consecutive years. Oregon Revised Statute 540.610 clearly states the requirement of beneficial use:

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Failure to prove beneficial use as stated is a very serious matter and is cause for forfeiture of the unused water right. At this time, you have <u>3 options</u> to protect this water right; they are as follows:

- You must use the full water right on the ground exactly as it is mapped during the 2017 irrigation season (see enclosed map for location of mapped water rights);
- 2. Lease, at minimum, the unused portion of the water right back in an in-stream lease for the 2017 season (the District will accept requests for temporary lease applications

through June 9, 2017). The water will go back onto your property at the end of the irrigation season (see enclosed information sheet); or

3. Transfer the unused water.

If you choose not to follow any of these options, the District will have no choice but to confiscate the unused water right at the end of the 2017 season by filing a petition with OWRD to transfer the water rights to other lands in the District.

By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate any water right that goes unused in 2017 (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed against your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Department (as required by statute).

If you have any evidence that you have used all of your water right at any time since 2013, please present the evidence to our office within 30 days from the date of this letter.

I have enclosed an aerial photo taken in 2015 showing where your mapped water rights are located, and the proposed area to be removed. Please note that the aerial photo may not fully represent your irrigation habits for the full 2016 irrigation season or any new structures, arenas, dry lots, etc. that may have been added to your property since the aerial photo was taken.

REMINDER: Whether you choose to use, lease, transfer, or not use your water rights in 2017, your 2017 Incurred Charges will still be due and payable to WEID by the due date.

It is our hope that we can work together to maintain the water rights on your property. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev Bridgewater or Lisa Baum at 541-922-3814 or by email to: bbridge@oregontrail.net as soon as possible so we can discuss your available options.

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Bev Bridgewater

District Manager

Encl.

Cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder: QUICKEN LOANS

Sent by certified mail March ________, 2017.

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540.572 FORFEITURE TRANSFER **AUTHORIZED LANDS**

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CECIL/ORA ROCK

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December 19, 2017

Cecil & Ora Rock P. O. Box 820 Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2625B #0302 & 0303

0.50 and 0.30 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rock:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

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Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

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West Extension Irrigation District PO Box 100 Irrigon, Oregon 97844-0100

RE: Water Rights

Map/Tax Lot #: 5N2625B 0302 & 0303

To Whom it May Concern:

We acknowledge that a portion of the 1.3 acres of designated property owned by Cecil and Ora Rock has not been utilized or irrigated under the statutes of the state of Oregon. However, upon review of historical data over the last 5 years we dispute your calculations.

It is our estimate that a total .8 acres of water rights have not been utilized. This information comes from Google Earth and my knowledge of utilization of portable sprinklers. We have enclosed those maps for your review, along with a revised disputed map over the last 5 years.

We hereby surrender the .8 acres as defined on the disputed map, and challenge your assessment of the additional .5 acres.

Please see attached Google Maps for your reference.

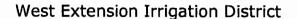
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Respectfully yours,

Cecil W. Rock

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October 20, 2017

Cecil & Ora Rock P. O. Box 820 Irrigon, OR 97844

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RF: Map/Tax Lot#: 5N2625B 0302 & 0303

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Total Irrigated Acres: Acres to be Confiscated: 0.70 & 0.60

3.00 & 2.00

SALEM, OR

Dear Patron:

Our records indicate that you have failed to beneficially use all or part of your water right for the last 5 consecutive years. By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate the portion of your water right referenced above for failure to beneficially use the water for at least one of the last 5 consecutive years (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed in the county records for your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD), as required by statute. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the District Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water and a water right map indicating the unused portion of your water right.

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Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater District Manager

Encl.

cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Security holder: Oregon Dept. of Revenue, 955 Center St. NE Salem, OR 97301-2555

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3/7/2017

Cecil & Ora Rock P. O. Box 820 Irrigon, OR 97844

Re: Water rights - 5N2625B 0302 & 0303

Notice of possible forfeiture

Dear Cecil & Ora:

While looking at water rights and irrigation in Irrigon, I notice that there are dry areas on your properties, some of which are likely buildings. They are shown on the enclosed map.

Oregon water law requires water to be put to beneficial use at least one year out of every five. See the newsletter enclosed with your bill and/or refer to OAR Chapter 385 for more information about water rights. The District received the water right certificate for the Columbia River water in Irrigon in 2012. Thus, the first year of "non-use" would be 2013.

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Thank you very much.

Ber Bridgewatte

Bev Bridgewater District Manager

Encl. Notice of Permanent transfer due to non-use

Map

Instream lease and temporary transfer information

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10/17- house, driveway, +Pipe yard all need transfer



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Cecil & Ora Rock P. O. Box 820 Irrigon, OR 97844

VIA Regular and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE:

Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N 26 25B #0302 & 0303

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

<u>3.00 & 2.00</u>

Use of Water Rights:

Irrigation

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Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred: 0.70 & 0.60

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SALEM, OR

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through June 9, 2017). The water will go back onto your property at the end of the irrigation season (see enclosed information sheet); or

3. Transfer the unused water.

If you choose not to follow any of these options, the District will have no choice but to confiscate the unused water right at the end of the 2017 season by filing a petition with OWRD to transfer the water rights to other lands in the District.

By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate any water right that goes unused in 2017 (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed against your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Department (as required by statute).

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It is our hope that we can work together to maintain the water rights on your property. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev Bridgewater or Lisa Baum at 541-922-3814 or by email to: bbridge@oregontrail.net as soon as possible so we can discuss your available options.

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Bev Bridgewater

District Manager

Encl.

Cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder:

Sent by certified mail March ______ 2017.

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December 19, 2017

Stanley & Martha Rock P. O. Box 535 Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2625B #0304

0.30 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Rock:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

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Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

Lisa M Baum

Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Mailed via certified mail December 19, 2017

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October 20, 2017

Stanley & Martha Rock P. O. Box 535 Irrigon, OR 97844

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RE:

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2625B 0304

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Total Irrigated Acres:

2.00 Acres to be Confiscated: 0.30

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Dear Patron:

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Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater District Manager

Encl.

cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Security holder: none

Sent by certified mail October 24, 2017.

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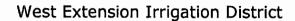
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September 11, 2017

Stanley & Martha Rock P. O. Box 535 Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Water Rights - 5N2625B 0304

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Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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Stanley & Martha Rock P. O. Box 535 Irrigon, OR 97844

VIA Regular and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE:

Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2625B 0304

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

2.00

Use of Water Rights:

<u>Irrigation</u>

Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred:

0.30

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Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

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Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

Encl.

Cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder: none

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Sent by certified mail September 11, 2017.

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Stanley & Martha Rock P. O. Box 535 Irrigon, OR 97844

Re: Water rights - 5N2625B 0304

While looking at water rights and irrigation in Irrigon, I notice that there is an area on your property where you have built a house and buildings. Oregon water law requires water to be put to beneficial use at least one year out of every five. See the newsletter enclosed with your bill and/or refer to OAR Chapter 385. With the buildings, water can no longer be used and we want to move it off your property.

The map shows 0.30 acres of area where water rights should be removed. We are sending a notice of permanent transfer to move the 0.30 acres of water rights off your property. If you agree, please sign and return. We will adjust your 2017 bill for \$29.55. We have a notary in our office as you will need to sign in front of a notary.

If you have questions, please contact us right away. We sure would appreciate quick response to this so we can get our water rights corrected for the 2017 season. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Bev Bridgewater District Manager

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December 19, 2017

Jeffrey & Barbara Fleming 250 SW. Nevada St. Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2625C #1304

0.10 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Fleming:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

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Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

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October 20, 2017

Jeffrey & Barbara Fleming 250 SW. Nevada St. Irrigon, OR 97844

RF:

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2625C 1304

Total Irrigated Acres: Acres to be Confiscated: 0.10

0.90

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Dear Patron:

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Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater

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District Manager

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Security holder: none

Sent by certified mail October <u>20</u>, 2017.

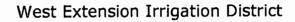
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September 11, 2017

Jeffrey & Barbara Fleming 250 SW. Nevada St. Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Water Rights - 5N2625C 1304

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RE:

Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2625C 1304

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

0.90

Use of Water Rights:

Irrigation

Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred:

0.10

Dear Patron,

One of West Extension Irrigation District's top priorities is to preserve and protect the water rights within our system. With that we want to work together with you, our patrons, to preserve this precious resource. The 2017 irrigation season is nearly over, and with that, the District has completed the yearly review of beneficial use of all water rights within our District.

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- You must use the full water right on the ground exactly as it is mapped during the 2017 irrigation season (see enclosed map for location of mapped water rights) ECEIVED BY OWRD
- 2. Transfer the unused water.

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If you choose not to follow any of these options, the District will have no choice but to confiscate the unused water right at the end of the 2017 season by filing a petition with OWRD to transfer the water rights to other lands in the District.

By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate any water right that goes unused in 2017 (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed against your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Department (as required by statute).

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I have enclosed an aerial photo taken in 2015 showing where your mapped water rights are located, and the proposed area to be removed. Please note that the aerial photo may not fully represent your irrigation habits for the full 2016 irrigation season or any new structures, arenas, dry lots, etc. that may have been added to your property since the aerial photo was taken.

REMINDER: Whether you choose to use, transfer, or not use your water rights in 2017, your 2017 Incurred Charges will still be due and payable to WEID by the due date.

It is our hope that we can work together to maintain the water rights on your property. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev Bridgewater or Lisa Baum at 541-922-3814 or by email to: lisa@westextension.com as soon as possible so we can discuss your available options.

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

Encl.

Cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder: none

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Sent by certified mail September 11, 2017.

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3/8/2017

Jeffrey & Barbara Fleming 250 SW Nevada St. Irrigon, OR 97844

Re: Water rights - 5N2625C 1304

Dear Jeff & Barbara:

The District is doing a five year review of water right use in Irrigon. While looking at water rights and irrigation, I notice that is a small area where a structure may have been built. Oregon water law requires water to be put to beneficial use at least one year out of every five. See the newsletter enclosed with your bill and/or refer to OAR Chapter 385. If the water will no longer be used, we want to move it off your property.

The map shows 0.10 acres of area where water rights should be removed. We are sending a notice of permanent transfer to move the 0.10 acres of water rights off your property. If you agree, please sign and return. We will adjust your 2017 bill for \$9.85. We have a notary in our office as you will need to sign in front of a notary.

If you have questions, please contact us right away. We sure would appreciate quick response to this so we can get our water rights corrected for the 2017 season. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Bev Bridgewater District Manager

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540.572 FORFEITURE TRANSFER AUTHORIZED LANDS

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December 19, 2017

Richard & Becky Cunningham 660 SW. 45th Ave. West Richland, WA 99353

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2625C #0303

0.20 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Cunningham:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

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Enclosed are copies of the district permanent transfer application and maps. Please keep in mind if you wish to protest this transfer application with OWRD, the deadline for protest is 60 days from the date of this mailing.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Mailed via certified mail December 19, 2017

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October 20, 2017

Richard & Becky Cunningham 660 SW. 45th Ave. West Richland, WA 99353

Richard & Becky Cunningham 255 W. Wyoming Ave. Irrigon, OR 97844

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RE: Map/Tax Lot#: 5N2625C 0303

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Total Irrigated Acres:

1.50 Acres to be Confiscated: 0.20

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Dear Patron:

Our records indicate that you have failed to beneficially use all or part of your water right for the last 5 consecutive years. By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate the portion of your water right referenced above for failure to beneficially use the water for at least one of the last 5 consecutive years (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed in the county records for your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD), as required by statute. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the District Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water and a water right map indicating the unused portion of your water right.

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Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater

District Manager

Encl.

cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

Security holder: CitiMortgage, P. O. Box 2026, Flint, MI 48501-2026

Sent by certified mail October 24, 2017.

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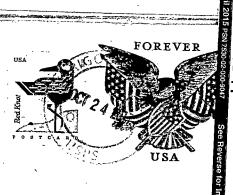
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September 11, 2017

Richard & Becky Cunningham 660 SW. 45th Ave. West Richland, WA 99353

RE:

Water Rights - 5N2625C 0303

In March you were sent a letter regarding the water rights on your property and a potential non-use situation. According to Oregon water law, a water right must be used once in every five years in order to remain valid. It stated that your property has been sparsely irrigated in recent years and there are a couple of dry spots.

During a recent field survey it was noted that your property looks as if it has not been irrigated at all this season.

That letter included a notice of permanent transfer to move 0.20 acres of water rights off your property, but have not had a response from you. In order to protect the water rights of West Extension Irrigation District, I have to send you the enclosed certified letter.

Our goal is to protect the water rights of West Extension Irrigation District.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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Richard & Becky Cunningham 660 SW. 45th Ave. West Richland, WA 99353

VIA Regular and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested

RE: Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#: <u>5N2625C 0303</u>

Assessed Acres of Water Rights: <u>1.50</u>

Use of Water Rights: <u>Irrigation</u>

Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred: 0.20

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Sincerely,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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Cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301

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3/8/2017

Richard & Becky Cunningham 660 SW 45th Ave.
West Richland, WA 99353

Re: Water rights – 5N2625C 303

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Sincerely,

Bev Bridgewater District Manager

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December 19, 2017

Kenton Eli & Mary Anne Yoder 81317 W. Eighth Rd. Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2626 #0324

0.10 acres of irrigation

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Yoder:

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October 20, 2017

Kenton Eli & Mary Anne Yoder 81317 W. Eighth Rd. Irrigon, OR 97844

RE: Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2626 0324

Total Irrigated Acres: Acres to be Confiscated: 0.10

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Beverly J. Bridgewater

District Manager

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September 11, 2017

Kenton Eli & Mary Anne Yoder 81317 W. Eighth Rd. Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Water Rights - 5N2626 0324

In March you were sent a letter regarding the water rights on your property and a potential non-use situation. You came in and we reviewed the map and determined that the only area of concern is where the house and shop are. I gave you an Affidavit for Transfer of Water Right for the 0.10 acre in question.

To date, I have not received the signed Affidavit.

In order to protect the water rights of West Extension Irrigation District, I have to send you the enclosed certified letter.

Our goal is to protect the water rights of West Extension Irrigation District.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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VIA Regular and Certified Mail **Return Receipt Requested**

RE:

Permanent Water Right Transfer for Non-Use

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2626 0324

Assessed Acres of Water Rights:

1.00

Use of Water Rights:

Irrigation

Acres of Water Rights to be Transferred:

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REMINDER: Whether you choose to use, transfer, or not use your water rights in 2017, your 2017 Incurred Charges will still be due and payable to WEID by the due date.

It is our hope that we can work together to maintain the water rights on your property. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bev Bridgewater or Lisa Baum at 541-922-3814 or by email to: lisa@westextension.com as soon as possible so we can discuss your available options.

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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Sincerely,

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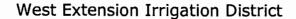
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December 19, 2017

Kathleen Mendoza 81315 W. Eighth Rd. Irrigon, OR 97844

RE:

Confiscation of water rights appurtenant to:

Map/Tax Lot# 5N2626 #0325

0.30 acres of irrigation

Dear Ms. Mendoza:

This notice is to inform you the District has filed a permanent transfer application with Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) to remove water rights appurtenant to the lands described above due to 5 consecutive years of non-use.

Per OAR 690-385-5400(2)(a) OWRD shall approve the district permanent transfer application as provided under OAR 690-385-5600 unless:

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Enclosed are copies of the district permanent transfer application and maps. Please keep in mind if you wish to protest this transfer application with OWRD, the deadline for protest is 60 days from the date of this mailing.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

Jisa M Baum

Cc: OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Mailed via certified mail December 19, 2017

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October 20, 2017

Kathleen Mendoza 81315 W. Eighth Rd. Irrigon, OR 97844

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RE:

Map/Tax Lot#:

5N2626 0325

Total Irrigated Acres: Acres to be Confiscated: 0.30

1.00

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Dear Patron:

Our records indicate that you have failed to beneficially use all or part of your water right for the last 5 consecutive years. By this letter, the District is serving you notice of our intent to confiscate the portion of your water right referenced above for failure to beneficially use the water for at least one of the last 5 consecutive years (see OAR 690-385-5000 and ORS 540.572 to 540.578). A copy of this letter is being sent to any security interest holders listed in the county records for your property as well as the Oregon Water Resources Dept. (OWRD), as required by statute. Enclosed with this letter is a copy of the District Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water and a water right map indicating the unused portion of your water right.

Certified letters were sent to you and any known security interest holders prior to the beginning of the 2017 irrigation season, informing you of the non-use of all or a portion of the water right, the options available to assist you in fulfilling the OWRD's beneficial use requirements, and WEID's intent to confiscate any remaining unused water at the end of the 2017 irrigation season. Available options included using the full water right beneficially; leasing, at a minimum, the unused portion of the water right instream; and transferring off the unused water right. completed during 2017 irrigation season to review any signs of full beneficial use of the water right. In addition, multiple years of aerial photos were also used to assist in the review of what may or may not have been irrigated between 2012 and 2017.

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If you wish to dispute the confiscation and permanent removal of the unused water right from your property, you have 30 days from the date this letter was mailed (see date below) to notify the District of your objection ~ in writing. If you object or wish to demonstrate that non-use is excusable under one of the provisions allowed in ORS 540.610(2)(a-n) (please see attached Policy Standard for Non-Use of Irrigation Water for the full statute), a meeting will be scheduled with the District Manager to try to resolve the issue with you; and if unable to do so, a District hearing before the WEID Board of Directors will be held in December to determine if a petition to transfer the water off the lands should be filed with the OWRD Director. Failure to contact the District within 30 days will cause the water to be permanently transferred off of your property.

If you have any evidence that you have beneficially used all or part of your water right in question at any time during the last 5 years, please have the evidence ready to present at the time of your meeting with the District Manager and, if necessary, at the hearing with the Board of Directors.

Please respond within 30 days from the date of this letter to confirm that the information provided in this notice is correct.

Sincerely,

Beverly J. Bridgewater

District Manager

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cc:

OWRD, 725 Summer St. NE, Ste. 100, Salem, OR 97301 Security holder: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, 1600 South Douglass Rd., Suite 200A, Anaheim, CA 92806

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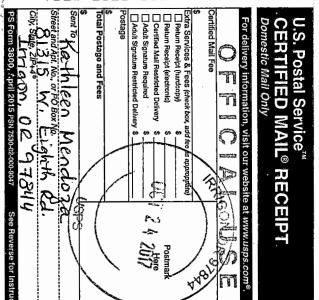
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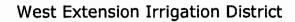
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September 11, 2017

Kathleen Mendoza 81315 W. Eighth Rd. Irrigon, OR 97844

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Water Rights - 5N2626 0325

In March you were sent a letter regarding the water rights on your property and a potential non-use situation. According to Oregon water law, a water right must be used once in every five years in order to remain valid. There is an area on your property that is unable to be irrigated due to the existence of a driveway, parking area and your home.

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Map/Tax Lot#:

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Lisa M. Baum

Office Manager

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Cc:

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Security holder: Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC

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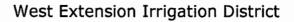
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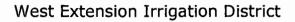
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RE: Water Right Transfer

Enclosed is a copy of the transfer application prepared by West Extension Irrigation District (WEID) and submitted to Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) on December 20, 2017.

The user of the lands **FROM** which these water rights are being transferred has been noticed of the following:

"Per OAR 690-385-5400(2)(a) OWRD shall approve the district permanent transfer application as provided under OAR 690-385-5600 unless:

- A. The application does not include the information required under OAR 690-385-5200; or
- B. The user, of lands from which water rights are to be transferred, submits a protest pursuant to OAR Chapter 690, Division 002
 - b. The user has the right to protest the application as described in OAR 690-385-5700

You have 60 days from the date of mailing of this notice to submit a protest of the permanent transfer application to OWRD. OAR 690-385-5700(2) & (3) states that: Protest shall be filed in accordance with OAR Chapter 690, Division 002, and shall include the fee required under ORS 536.050; and each person submitting a protest shall raise all reasonable ascertainable issues and submit all reasonable available arguments supporting the person's position by the close of the protest period. Failure to raise a reasonable ascertainable issue in a protest or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the Department an opportunity to respond to the issue precludes consideration of the issue during the hearing."

If no protest is filed by the <u>FROM</u> land user within 60 days and OWRD find this application to be complete, a Final Order will be issued by OWRD placing this water onto your property. A copy of the Final Order will be mailed to you by WEID.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach me at the office number 541-922-3814 or by email: lisa@westextension.com.

Best regards,

Lisa M. Baum Office Manager

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