

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Transfer Application)
T-12732, Crook County)
)
) PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
) 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

AVION WATER CO. INC.
60813 PARRELL RD.
BEND, OR 97702

Findings of Fact

1. On August 21, 2017, Avion Water Co. Inc. filed an application for an additional point of appropriation under Certificates 86874 and 87594. The Department assigned the application number T-12732.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on August 29, 2017, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On March 19, 2018, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12732 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of April 18, 2018, 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 first right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 86874 in the name of AVION WATER CO. INC. (perfected under Permit G-9398)
Use: QUASI-MUNICIPAL USES
Priority Date: APRIL 28, 1981
Rate: 0.59 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND
Source: A WELL (NIXON WELL) within the DESCHUTES BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SE	88.95 FEET SOUTH AND 38.27 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF THE SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ OF SECTION 28

Authorized Place of Use:

QUASI-MUNICIPAL					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NE NE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NW NE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SW NE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SE NE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NE NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NW NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SW NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SE NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NE SW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SE SW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NE SE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NW SE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SW SE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SE SE	
15 S	15 E	WM	31	NE NW	
15 S	15 E	WM	31	NW NW	1
15 S	15 E	WM	31	SW NW	2
15 S	15 E	WM	31	SE NW	
15 S	15 E	WM	31	NE SW	
15 S	15 E	WM	31	NW SW	3

5. Transfer Application T-12732 proposes an additional point of appropriation approximately 50 feet north located:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SE	POWELL BUTTE WELL 2 – 23.33 FEET SOUTH AND 62.6 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF THE SW ¹ / ₄ SE ¹ / ₄ OF SECTION 28

6. The second right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 87594 in the name of AVION WATER CO. INC. (perfected under Permit G-12936)
Use: QUASI-MUNICIPAL USES
Priority Date: FEBRUARY 8, 1994
Rate: 0.53 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND
Source: A WELL within the DRY RIVER BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
15 S	14 E	WM	28	SW SE	88.95 FEET SOUTH AND 38.27 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF THE SW¼ SE¼ OF SECTION 28

Authorized Place of Use:

QUASI-MUNICIPAL					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NE NE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NW NE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SW NE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SE NE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NE NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NW NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SW NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SE NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NE SW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SE SW	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NE SE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	NW SE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SW SE	
15 S	14 E	WM	36	SE SE	
15 S	15 E	WM	30	SE NW	
15 S	14 E	WM	30	NE SW	
15 S	14 E	WM	30	SE SW	
15 S	14 E	WM	30	SW SE	
15 S	15 E	WM	31	NE NW	
15 S	15 E	WM	31	NW NW	1
15 S	15 E	WM	31	SW NW	2
15 S	15 E	WM	31	SE NW	
15 S	15 E	WM	31	NE SW	
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Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

8. Water has been used within the last five years prior to the submittal of Transfer Application T-12732 according to the terms and conditions of the rights. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
9. A well, pump, pipeline, and municipal delivery system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing rights were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-12732.
10. The Department has determined that the proposed additional point of appropriation (Powell Butte Well No. 2 (CROO 54458)) would develop the same ground water aquifer as the authorized point of appropriation (Powell Butte Well No. 1(CROO 51975/ CROO 53534)). Under OAR 690-380-2110, a change in (or additional) point of appropriation is restricted to the same aquifer.
11. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the rights.
12. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
13. All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

The additional points of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-12732 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-12732 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The additional points of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-12732 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 Certificates 86874 and 87594 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right Certificates 86874 and 87594 are cancelled.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the new additional point of appropriation, together with that diverted at the original point of appropriation, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation.*
5. *Water 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, 2019**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the changes and full beneficial use of the water.*
7. *After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this **MAY 25** 2018 .



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

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Ken Dowden. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 541-278-5456 or Ken.D.Dowden@oregon.gov

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

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