

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

In the Matter of Ground Water	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
Registration Modification Application	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF
T-12484, Multnomah County	)	RECOGNITION OF MODIFICATIONS
	)	IN ADDITIONAL POINTS OF
	)	APPROPRIATION AND PLACE OF
	)	USE AND CHARACTER OF USE

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537.610, 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which the holder of a certificate of registration may submit a request for recognition of modifications to the place of use, character of use or point of appropriation under a ground water certificate of registration.

Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 382 and 380 implement the statutes and provide the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating ground water registration modification applications.

Applicant

PORT OF PORTLAND
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Findings of Fact

1. On September 19, 2016, PORT OF PORTLAND, ATTN: DOROTHY SPERRY, filed a ground water registration modification application to modify the points of appropriation, place of use and character of use under Registration Application GR-2946 (Certificate of Registration GR-3924). The Department assigned the application number T-12484.
2. On April 26, 2016, Registration Application GR-2946 (Certificate of Registration GR-3924) was assigned from Northwest Packing Co. to Port of Portland.
3. Notice of the application for ground water registration modification was published on September 27, 2016, pursuant to OAR 690-382-0600. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
4. On September 12, 2017, the Department contacted the applicant's agent in regards to several discrepancies found in the ground water registration modification application.

Pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, any person may file a protest or standing statement within 30 days after the last date of publication of notice of this preliminary determination.
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5. On September 19, 2017, the applicant's agent submitted a revised application and map, clarifying the discrepancies outlined in the September 12, 2017 letter.
6. On November 6, 2017, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12484 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of December 6, 2017, for the applicant to respond.
7. On November 22, 2017, the applicant's agent provided additional information based on AgriMet's crop water use data from the Forest Grove, Oregon AgriMet weather station and the most consumptive crop use data (apples) for the area. The data and calculations provided demonstrate the need for a higher annual duty based off the maximum quantity of water that could be beneficially used without waste during the irrigation season.
8. On January 18, 2018, the Applicant's agent contacted the Department regarding the authority of the Department to refer to the Willamette Basin Program for establishing an irrigation season for Ground Water Registration Modifications.
9. On January 29, 2018, the Department concluded that because the Ground Water Registration Claim does not identify the irrigation season, the recognition of the change from irrigation use to municipal use, under a Ground Water Registration Modification, will be limited to use during the irrigation season.
10. On March 16, 2018, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12484 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of April 16, 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.
11. The ground water registration to be modified is as follows:

Registration: Application GR-2946 (Certificate of Registration GR-3924), in the name of NORTHWEST PACKING CO. *(assigned to PORT OF PORTLAND)*

Use: IRRIGATION OF 60.0 ACRES

Tentative

Priority Date: 1949

Quantity: 600 GALLONS PER MINUTE

Source: A WELL, within the COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Original Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
1 N	2 E	WM	9	SE SE	20 FEET NORTH AND 500 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 9

Original Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
1 N	2 E	WM	9	NE SE	28.0
1 N	2 E	WM	9	SE SE	
1 N	2 E	WM	16	NE NE	32.0
Total					60.0

12. Ground Water Registration Application GR-2946 does not list a duty of water; however, the limit of the water right is the maximum quantity that could be beneficially used without waste. Based on AgriMet's crop water use data, the most consumptive crop use for the area of this water right is 2.6875 acre feet per acre per year. Utilizing an evaporative loss quantification of 10%, the maximum duty of water to be transferred would be 2.986 acre feet per acre per year (AF). Therefore, to prevent enlargement of this right, the maximum diverted annual volume of water for municipal use under this right should be limited to 179.16 acre feet per year (2.986 AF x 60.0 acres) during the irrigation season.
13. Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-12484 proposes to modify the location of the recognized point of appropriation with additional points of appropriation located as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	Distance from original well location measured in miles
1 N	1 E	WM	1	SW SW	RUSSELL TUGBOAT WELL 2 - 1020 FEET NORTH AND 3980 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 1	3.90
1 N	1 E	WM	12	NE NW	33RD AVE WELL - 900 FEET SOUTH AND 2685 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 12	3.56
1 N	2 E	WM	7	NE SE	ANG WELL - 1470 FEET NORTH AND 820 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 7	2.13
1 N	2 E	WM	7	SW SE	AIRTRANS RD WELL - 640 FEET NORTH AND 1880 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 7	2.23
1 N	2 E	WM	8	SW NE	PDX WELL 2 - 2020 FEET SOUTH AND 2570 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 8.	1.52
1 N	2 E	WM	9	SE SE	AIRPORT WAY WELL - 28 FEET NORTH AND 335 FEET WEST FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 9	0.03
1 N	2 E	WM	16	SW NW	PIC WELL 2 - 1510 FEET SOUTH AND 1210 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 16	0.75

14. Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-12484 proposes to modify the place of use under the ground water registration:

Municipal Use
Within the service boundaries of the Port of Portland

15. Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-12484 proposed to modify the character of use under the ground water registration to municipal use. The use will be limited to the irrigation season.
16. The total volume of water that may be diverted for municipal uses is 179.16 acre-feet (2.986 AF/ac x 60.0 acres) during the irrigation season.

Review Criteria for Ground Water Registration Modification Applications [OAR 690-382-0700(2)]

17. The proposed modifications, as conditioned, would not result in enlargement of the ground water registration.
18. The proposed modifications would not result in a state Scenic Waterway not receiving previously available water during periods in which streamflows are less than the quantities determined by the Department to be necessary to meet the requirements of ORS 390.835.
19. The proposed modifications, as conditioned, would not result in injury to other water rights.
20. All other application requirements have been met.

Determination and Proposed Action

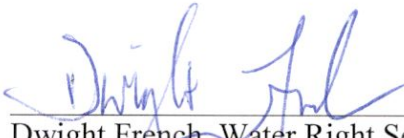
The additional points of appropriation, modification in place of use, and modification in character of use proposed in Ground Water Registration Modification T-12484 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.610, 537.705, 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-382-1000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-382-0900, the modification will be approved.

If Ground Water Registration Modification T-12484 is recognized, the final order will include the following:

1. *The modifications to Registration Application GR-2946 (Certificate of Registration GR-3924) proposed in Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-12484 are recognized. Recognition of the modifications shall not be construed as a final determination of the right to appropriate ground water under the certificate of registration or modification. Such a determination will occur in an adjudication proceeding under ORS 537.670 to 537.695.*
2. *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 Registration Application GR-2946 (Certificate of Registration GR-3924) and any related decree.*
3. *Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the additional points of appropriation, together with that diverted at the original point of appropriation, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation.*

5. *Water shall no longer be appropriated for the former character of use as part of this ground water certificate of registration.*
6. *The former place of use of the modified ground water registration shall no longer receive water as part of the ground water certificate of registration.*
7. *The use of water under the proposed municipal use shall be limited to a rate of diversion of 600 gallons per minute and further limited to a total quantity of water diverted of 179.16 acre-feet during the irrigation season.*

Dated at Salem, Oregon, JUN 28 2018.



Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for
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Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Jessica Joye. If you have any questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0814 or Jessica.L.Joye@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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