# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-12557, Jefferson County	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN
	)	ADDITIONAL POINT OF DIVERSION

#### Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of diversion, place of use, or character of use authorized under an existing water right. Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Division 380 implement the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating transfer applications.

## **Applicant**

CAROL WILLIAMS 2777 PINEROCK DRIVE EUGENE, OR 97403

## **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On January 6, 2017, CAROL WILLIAMS filed an application for an ADDITIONAL POINT OF DIVERSION under Certificate 88891. The Department assigned the application number T-12557.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on January 17, 2017, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On April 9, 2018, the Department contacted the applicant's agent to notify him of a deficiency in the application.
- 4. On April 14, 2018, the Department received an Evidence of Use affidavit that resolved the deficiency in the 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.

5. On May 10, 2018, the applicant requested the completion date be October 1, 2023.

6. The right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate:

88891 in the name of CAROL WILLIAMS (confirmed by decree of Circuit

Court for Deschutes County entered at Salem, in the Order Record of the

Water Resources Director in Volume 9, Page 362.)

Use:

IRRIGATION OF 52.5 ACRES, DOMESTIC AND STOCK USE

**Priority Date: 1888** 

Rate:

0.88 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Limit/Duty:

The amount of water to which this right is entitled for the purposes aforesaid is limited to an amount actually beneficially used for said purposes, and shall not exceed 3.0 acre-feet per acre measured at the point of diversion from the stream, which may be diverted at a rate of not to exceed 1/60th of one cubic foot per second during the irrigation season and shall be subject to

all other conditions and limitations contained in said decree.

Period of Use: MAY 1 TO SEPTEMBER 15

Source:

LAKE CREEK, tributary to the NORTH FORK LAKE CREEK

#### **Authorized Points of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
13 S	9 E	WM	17	NW SE	POD #1 LATITUDE 44.44246; LONGITUDE -121.68118
13 S	9 E	WM	16	SE NW	POD #2 LATITUDE 44.44579; LONGITUDE -121.66918
13 S	9 E	WM	16	NW NE	POD #3 LATITUDE 44.44685; LONGITUDE -121.66160
13 S	9 E	WM	16	NW NE	POD #4 LATITUDE 44.44679; LONGITUDE -121.66143
13 S	9 E	WM	16	NW NE	POD #5 LATITUDE 44.44679; LONGITUDE -121.66142

#### **Authorized Place of Use:**

IRRIC	GATION, I	OMEST	IC AN	D STOCK U	SE
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
13 S	9 E	WM	16	NE NE	6.2
13 S	9 E	WM	16	NW NE	33.7
13 S	9 E	WM	16	SW NE	12.6
				Total	52.5

Transfer Application T-12557 proposes an additional point of diversion with approximate distances from the existing points of diversion(POD) identified as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	Approximate Distance from Authorized POD's
13 S	9 E	WM	16	SW NE	POD #6 LATITUDE 44.4456 LONGITUDE -121.6634	POD 1 – 1.1 mile POD 2 – 0.3 mile POD 3 – 0.2 mile POD 4 – 0.2 mile POD 5 – 0.2 mile

9. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has determined that a fish screen is necessary at the new point of diversion to prevent fish from entering the diversion and that the diversion is not currently equipped with an appropriate fish screen. This diversion may be eligible for screening cost-share funds.

## Transfer Review Criteria [OAR 690-380-4010(2)]

- 10. Water has been used within the last five years according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the right is subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 11. A diversion structure and ditch sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing right were present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-12557.
- 12. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 13. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 14. All other application requirements are met.

### **Determination and Proposed Action**

The additional point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-12557 appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the transfer application will be approved.

*If Transfer Application T-12557 is approved, the final order will include the following:* 

- 1. The additional point of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-12557 is approved.
- 2. The right to the use of the water is restricted to beneficial use at the place of use described, and is subject to all other conditions and limitations contained in Certificate 88891 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right Certificate 88891 is cancelled.
- 4. The quantity of water diverted at the additional point of diversion, together with that diverted at the original points of diversion, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original points of diversion.
- 5. Water use measurement conditions:
  - a. **Before water use may begin** under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device, at each new point of diversion.
  - b. The water user shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order.

- c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- 6. Prior to diverting water, the water user shall install an approved fish screen at the new point of diversion and shall provide to the OWRD a written statement from Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) that the installed screen meets the state's criteria, or that ODFW has determined a screen is not necessary.
  - The water user shall operate and maintain the fish screen at the new point of diversion consistent with ODFW's operational and maintenance standards. If ODFW determines the screen is not functioning properly, and is unsuccessful in working with the water user to meet ODFW standards, ODFW may request that OWRD regulate the use of water until OWRD receives notification from ODFW that the fish screen is functioning properly.
- 7. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2023**. A Claim of Beneficial Use prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner shall be submitted by the applicant to the Department within one year after the deadline for completion of the change and full beneficial use of the water.
- 8. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this day \_\_\_\_\_\_ JUL 3 0 2018

Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator, for

Thomas M. Byler, Director

Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Joan Smith. If you have any questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0892 or <a href="mailto:Joan.M.MITH@oregon.gov">Joan.M.MITH@oregon.gov</a>

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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July <u>31</u>, 2018

VIA E-MAIL

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12557

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12557. This document is an intermediate step in the approval process; water may not be used legally as proposed in the transfer application until a Final Order has been issued by the Department. Please read this entire letter carefully to determine your responsibility for additional action.

A public notice is being published in the Department's weekly publication and in the Bend Bulletin newspaper, simultaneously with issuance of the Preliminary Determination. The notice initiates a period in which any person may file either a protest opposing the decision proposed by the Department in the Preliminary Determination or a standing statement supporting the Department's decision. The protest period will end 30 days after the Department's notice *or* 30 days after the last date of newspaper publication whichever is the later.

If no protest is filed, the Department will issue a Final Order consistent with the Preliminary Determination. You should receive a copy of the Final Order about 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If a protest is filed, the application may be referred to a contested case proceeding. A contested case provides an opportunity for the proponents and opponents of the decision proposed in the Preliminary Determination to present information and arguments supporting their position in a quasi-judicial proceeding.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-986-0892 or <u>Joan.M.SMITH@oregon.gov</u> if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith

Transfer Specialist

Transfer and Conservation Section

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