

**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-13057, Linn County	)	RECOGNITION OF A MODIFICATION
	)	IN POINT OF APPROPRIATION

**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**

THOMAS E. AND KAREN M. AVINELIS  
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**Findings of Fact**

1. On November 6, 2018, THOMAS E. AND KAREN M. AVINELIS filed a ground water registration modification application to modify the point of appropriation under Registration Application GR-1858 (Certificate of Registration GR-1799). The Department assigned the application number T-13057.
2. On January 2, 2018, Registration Application GR-1858 (Certificate of Registration GR-1799) was assigned from Mrs. Tessa Watkins to Thomas E. and Karen M. Avinelis.
3. Notice of the application for ground water registration modification was published on November 13, 2018, pursuant to OAR 690-382-0600. No comments were filed in response to the notice.

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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4. On February 4, 2019, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Groundwater Registration Modification Application T-13057 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of March 5, 2019, for the applicants to respond. The applicants requested that the Department proceed with issuance of a Preliminary Determination and provided the necessary information to demonstrate that the applicants are authorized to pursue the transfer.
5. On February 6, 2019, the applicant's agent revised the location of the proposed point of appropriation.
6. The ground water registration to be modified is as follows:

**Registration:** Application GR-1858 (Certificate of Registration GR-1799), in the name of MRS. TESSA WATKINS (*assigned to THOMAS E. AND KAREN M. AVINELIS*)

**Use:** IRRIGATION of 77.5 ACRES

**Tentative**

**Priority Date:** JUNE 1940

**Quantity:** 400 GALLONS PER MINUTE AND 232.5 ACRE FEET PER YEAR

**Source:** PUMP WELL NO. 1

**Original Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
10 S	2 W	WM	17	SW NW	PUMP WELL NO. 1 - SOUTH 27 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 24.6 CHAINS FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 17

**Original Place of Use:**

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
10 S	2 W	WM	17	NE NW	6.3
10 S	2 W	WM	17	NW NW	38.2
10 S	2 W	WM	17	SW NW	32.0
10 S	2 W	WM	17	SE NW	1.0
Total					77.5

7. Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-13057 proposes to modify the location of the original point of appropriation approximately 10.0 feet East from the original well to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
10 S	2 W	WM	17	SW NW	NEW WELL 1 - 1440 FEET SOUTH AND 760 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 17

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

8. The proposed modification would not result in enlargement of the ground water registration.

9. The proposed modification 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.
10. The proposed modification would not result in injury to other water rights.

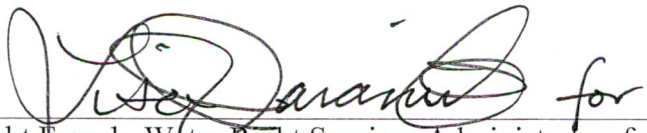
**Determination and Proposed Action**

The modification in point of appropriation proposed in Ground Water Registration Modification T-13057 appears 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-13057 is approved, the final order will include the following:*

1. *The modification to Registration Application GR-1858 (Certificate of Registration GR-1799) proposed in Ground Water Registration Modification Application T-13057 is recognized. Recognition of the modification 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-1858 (Certificate of Registration GR-1799) and any related decree.*
3. *Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.*
4. *Water shall no longer be appropriated from the original point of appropriation as part of this ground water certificate of registration.*
5. *The quantity of water diverted at the new point of appropriation (New Well 1), shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation (Pump Well No. 1).*

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019.



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*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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