BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-12970, Marion County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
)	CHANGE IN PLACE OF USE

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

BRUCE ERNST P.O. BOX 460 SAINT PAUL, OR 97137

Findings of Fact

- 1. On July 12, 2018, BRUCE ERNST filed an application to change the place of use under Certificate 66053. The Department assigned the application number T-12970.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on July 17, 2018, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On November 26, 2018, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12970 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of December 26, 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 right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 66053 in the name of ELMER L. ERNST (perfected under

Permit S-47586)

Use: IRRIGATION OF 26.0 ACRES

Priority Date: JUNE 7, 1983

Rate: 0.33 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Limit/Duty: The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, shall be limited to ONE-

EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second per acre, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 2.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation

season of each year.

Source: MILL CREEK, tributary to the PUDDING RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Measured Distances	
4 S	1 W	WM	22	NE SE	52	880 FEET SOUTH AND 50 FEET WEST FROM THE E¼ CORNER OF SECTION 22	

Authorized Place of Use:

		IRR	IGATI	ON		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Acres
4 S	1 W	WM	22	NE SE	52	0.9
4 S	1 W	WM	22	SE SE	52	1.6
4 S	1 W	WM	23	NE SW	52	0.8
4 S	1 W	WM	23	NW SW	52	10.4
4 S	1 W	WM	23	SW SW	52	12.3
					Total	26.0

5. Transfer Application T-12970 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

		IRR	IGATI	ON		
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	DLC	Acres
4 S	1 W	WM	22	NE SE	52	0.6
4 S	1 W	WM	23	NE SW	52	0.8
4 S	1 W	WM	23	NW SW	52	10.4
4 S	1 W	WM	23	SW SW	52	14.2
					Total	26.0

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

- 6. 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.
- 7. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system 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-12970.
- 8. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.

- 9. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 10. All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12970 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-12970 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12970 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 66053 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right Certificate 66053 is cancelled.
- 4. The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.
- 5. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2020**. 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.

6. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

JUN 2 1 2019

hisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for

THOMAS M BYLER, DIRECTOR

Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Marcy Osborn. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 541-523-8224 ext.228 or marcy.j.osborn@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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