## BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

#### OF THE

### STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-13058, Wasco County	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
•	)	CHANGE 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

CLAUDE AND EMILIE WILLIAMSON 80691 OLD WAPANITIA RD. MAUPIN, OR 97037

# **Findings of Fact**

- 1. On November 9, 2018, Claude and Emilie Williamson filed an application to change the place of use under Certificates 77326 and 77733. The Department assigned the application number T-13058.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on November 13, 2018, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On June 10, 2019, the applicant submitted a revised application to clarify the authorized and proposed places of use under both rights.
- 4. On June 28, 2019, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-13058 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of July 27, 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 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.

5. The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:

**Certificate:** 77326 in the name of JUNIPER FLAT DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT CO.

(confirmed by White River Decree)

Use: IRRIGATION of 0.5 ACRES

Priority Date: JULY 1, 1903 for direct live flow from Clear Creek and Frog Creek, and

AUGUST 19, 1904 for storage from Clear Lake Reservoir

Limit/Duty: ONE ACRE-FOOT PER ACRE OR ACRE EQUIVALENT DURING ANY

30-DAY PERIOD UP TO JULY 1ST OF EACH YEAR AND NOT TO EXCEED 3.0 ACRE-FEET PER ACRE OR ACRE EQUIVALENT

DURING ANY IRRIGATION SEASON; PROVIDED, that the RATE OF FLOW SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE-FORTIETH OF A SECOND FOOT PER ACRE OR ACRE EQUIVALENT UP TO JULY 1ST OF EACH YEAR AND THEREAFTER NOT TO EXCEED ONE-EIGHTIETH OF A SECOND FOOT PER ACRE OR ACRE EQUIVALENT, EXCEPT IN

CASE OF ROTATION.

Source: DIRECT FLOW FROM CLEAR CREEK and FROG CREEK, and

STORAGE from CLEAR LAKE RESERVOIR, tributaries of WHITE

**RIVER** 

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

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q - Q	Source of Water
4 S	9 E	WM	32	SE SE	CLEAR LAKE RESERVOIR DAM
4 S	9 E	WM	34	NE NE	FROG CREEK
5 S	9 E	WM	10	. NW SE	CLEAR CREEK

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

IRRIGATION						
Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q						
5 S	12 E	WM	13	NE SW	0.5	

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

Certificate: 77733 in the name of JUNIPER FLAT DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT CO.

(perfected under Permit 25275)

Use: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 0.5 ACRES

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 11, 1915

**Limit/Duty:** The amount of water used for irrigation, together with the amount secured

under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to A

DIVERSION OF 4.2 ACRE-FEET FOR EACH ACRE IRRIGATED OR ACRE EQUIVALENT DURING THE IRRIGATION SEASON OF EACH

YEAR.

Source: CLEAR LAKE RESERVOIR (constructed under Permit R-2106), a

tributary of WHITE RIVER

### **Authorized Point of Diversion:**

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Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
4 S	9 E	WM	32	SE SE	1390 FEET SOUTH AND 480 FEET WEST FROM THE E¼ CORNER OF SECTION 32

## **Authorized Place of Use:**

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
5 S	12 E	WM	13	NE SW	0.5

7. Transfer Application T-13058 proposes to change the places of use to:

Primary Irrigation (IR) / Supplemental Irrigation (IS)						
Twp Rng Mer	Mor	Sec	0-0	Certificate (acres)		
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5 S	12 E	WM	13	NW SW	0.5	0.5

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

- 8. Water has been used within the five-year period prior to submittal of the transfer application 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 diversion structure and ditch 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-13058.
- 10. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the rights.
- 11. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 12. All other application requirements are met.

### **Determination and Proposed Action**

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-13058 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-13058 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-13058 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 Certificates 77326 and 77733 and any related decree.
- 3. The former place of use of the transferred rights shall no longer receive water under the rights.
- 4. Water right Certificates 77326 and 77733 are modified. The Department will issue superseding Certificates describing the rights when it is determined that it is necessary for record keeping.

5. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before October 1, 2021. 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.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this DEC 0 2 2019

Lisa J. Jaramillo, Fransfer and Conservation Section Manager, for

THOMAS M BYLER, DIRECTOR Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Corey Courchane. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0825 or <a href="mailto:corey.a.courchane@oregon.gov">corey.a.courchane@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.

Notice Regarding Service Members: Active duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service Members Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. App. §§501-597b. You may contact the Oregon State Bar or the Oregon Military Department for more information. The toll-free telephone number for the Oregon State Bar is: 1 (800) 452-8260. The toll-free telephone number of the Oregon Military Department is: 1 (800) 452-7500. The Internet address for the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Legal Services Locator website is: <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a>



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December 2, 2019

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-13058

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-13058. 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, 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.

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 <u>corey.a.courchane@oregon.gov</u> or (503) 986-0825, if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Corey Courchane

Transfer Specialist

Transfer and Conservation Section

cc:

T-13058

Robert L. Wood, District 3 Watermaster (via e-mail)