

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-12961, Marion County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
)	CHANGE IN POINT OF
)	APPROPRIATION AND PLACE OF
)	USE

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of appropriation, 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

DAVID G. AND KATHRYN S. LECOMPTE
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Findings of Fact

1. On June 29, 2018, DAVID G. AND KATHRYN S. LECOMPTE filed an application to change the point of appropriation and to change the place of use under Certificate 30812. The Department assigned the application number T-12961.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on July 3, 2018, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On June 17, 2019, the Department contacted the applicant by written correspondence to notify the applicant and the applicant's agent of deficiencies in the application. The application maps identifying the current place of use under Certificates 30812, do not match the place of use as identified in Department records. The Department requested that the deficiencies be resolved by July 16, 2019.
4. On June 20, 2019, the applicant's agent submitted revised maps.

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 September 24, 2019, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to deny Transfer Application T-12961 to the applicants. The application maps did not match the Final Proof Survey map on record with the Department for Certificate 30812. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of October 23, 2019, for the applicants to respond.
6. On October 3, 2019, the applicant's agent submitted a revised application map, and on October 4, 2019, a revised Table 2 was submitted, resolving the deficiencies. Due to the revisions submitted, the Department issued a revised draft Preliminary Determination.
7. On November 19, 2019, the Department mailed a copy of the revised draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12961 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of December 20, 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.
8. The portion of the right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 30812 in the name of HAROLD E. MURRAY (perfected under Permit G-960)
Use: IRRIGATION of 16.6 ACRES
Priority Date: AUGUST 1, 1958
Rate: 0.16 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: A WELL a tributary of WILLAMETTE RIVER

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
6 S	2 W	WM	9	SW SW	OLD WELL - 3.5 CHAINS NORTH AND 4 CHAINS EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 9

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
6 S	2 W	WM	8	SE SE	4	4.3
6 S	2 W	WM	9	SW SW		12.3
					Total	16.6

9. Transfer Application T-12961 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation approximately 667 feet from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
6 S	2 W	WM	9	SW SW	NEW WELL - 860 FEET NORTH AND 485 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 9

10. Transfer Application T-12961 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Acres
6 S	2 W	WM	8	SE SE	4	4.3
6 S	2 W	WM	9	SW SW		12.3
					Total	16.6

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 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.
- 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-12961.
- The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
- All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

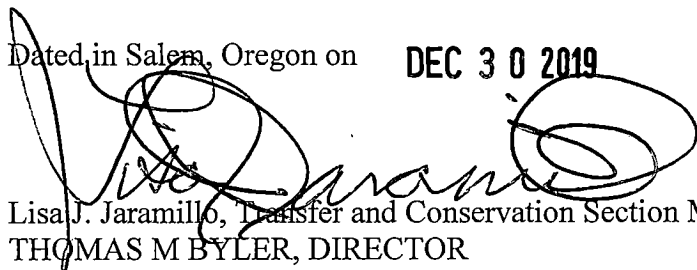
The change in point of appropriation and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12961 appear to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the application will be denied.

If Transfer Application T-12961 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- The change in point of appropriation and change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12961 are approved.*
- 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 30812 and any related decree.*
- Water right Certificate 30812 is cancelled. A new certificate will be issued describing that portion of the right not affected by this transfer.*

4. *The quantity of water diverted at the new point of appropriation (New Well), shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation (Old Well).*
5. *Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.*
6. *The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.*
7. *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 changes 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 in Salem, Oregon on **DEC 30 2019**


Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for
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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 corey.a.courchane@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

Notice Regarding Service Members: Active duty servicemembers have a right to stay these proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571, or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll free number.



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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12961

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12961. 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 corey.a.courchane@oregon.gov or (503) 986-0825, if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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