BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-12762, Klamath County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
•)	CHANGE IN POINTS OF
)	APPROPRIATION AND PLACES 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

VALE RANCHES, LLC 1606 AMARAL CT FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

Findings of Fact

- On October 16, 2017, Vale Ranches, LLC, filed an application to change the points of appropriation and to change the places of use under Certificate 87990 and 87991. The Department assigned the application number T-12762.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on October 24, 2017, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On February 12, 2020, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-12762 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of March 13, 2020 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.
- 4. The first right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 87990 in the name of RLF KLAMATH PROPERTIES, LLC (perfected

under Permit G-10695)

Use: IRRIGATION of 206.6 ACRES

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.

Priority Date: FEBRUARY 17, 1987

Rate: 2.59 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS), BEING 1.43 CFS FROM WELL

NO. 1 AND 1.16 CFS FROM WELL NO. 2

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 ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each

year.

Source: THREE WELLS, tributary to BUCK CREEK BASIN (tributary to LOST

RIVER BASIN)

Authorized Points of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances-
37 S	11.5 E	WM	15	sw sw	WELL NO. 1 (ORIGINAL)- 450 FEET NORTH AND 390 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 15
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW SE	WELL NO. 2 - 850 FEET NORTH AND 530 FEET EAST FROM THE S1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 22
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE NW	WELL NO. 3 – 2000 FEET SOUTH AND 1710 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 22

Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres			
Well 1 & 3								
37 S	11.5 E	WM	15	NW SW	0.2			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	15	SW SW	5.1			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	_SW NE	12.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SE NE	1.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SE NW	0.1			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	NE SW	5.6			
37 S	_11.5 E	WM	16	NE SE	25.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	NW SE	39.8_			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SW SE	9.2			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SE SE	9.6			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW NW	0.5			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE NW	2.4			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW SW	2.2			
		Well 2	& 3					
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW SW	1.0			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW SW	3.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE SW	7.0			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW SE	0.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM]	22	SW SE	23.6			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE SE	8.5			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	26	NW NW	0.9			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	26	SW NW	14.8			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	26	NW SW	9.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	27	NE NE	6.2			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	27	NW NE	7.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	27	SE NE	10.0			
37 S	11.5 E	WM_	27	NE NW	0.7			

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IRRIGATION							
Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q Acres							
37 S	11.5 E	27	NE SE	0.1			
			Ì	Total	206.6		

5. Transfer Application T-12762 proposes to use all three wells on all lands.

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
37 S	11.5 E	WM	15	sw sw	WELL NO. 1 - 450 FEET NORTH AND 390 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 15
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37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE NW	WELL NO. 3 – 2000 FEET SOUTH AND 1710 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 22

6. Transfer Application T-12762 also proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

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Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SW NE	14.9		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SE NE	0.6		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SE NW	1.0		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	NE SW	8.6		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SE SW	0.2		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	NE SE	10.8		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	NW SE	40.0		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	SW SE	6.0		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW NE	3.0		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NE NW	0.5		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW NW	0.5		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE NW	22.3		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NE SW	4.5		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW SW	5.5		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW SE	18.5		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	_22	SW SE	10.6		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE SE	9.0		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	26	NWNW	1.5		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	26	SW NW	17.3		
37 S	_11.5 E	WM	26	NW SW	9.5		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	27	NE NE	6.4		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	27	NW NE	6.5		
37 S	11.5 E	WM	27	SE NE	8.9		
		Total	206.6				

7. The second right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 87991 in the name of RLF KLAMATH PROPERTIES, LLC (perfected

under Permit G-1790)

Use: IRRIGATION of 199.4 ACRES

Priority Date: MARCH 8, 1961

Rate: 2.49 CUBIC FEET 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, is limited to a diversion of

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ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second, or its equivalent for each acre irrigated, and shall be further limited to a diversion of not to exceed 3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each

Source:

THREE WELLS, tributary to BUCK CREEK BASIN (LOST RIVER

BASIN)

Authorized Points of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
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37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW SE	WELL NO.3 - 2000 FEET SOUTH AND 1710 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 22

Authorized Place of Use:

-	IRRIGATION							
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	15	SW SW	17.4			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	15	SE SW	0.1			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	NE SE	0.3			
37 S	 11.5 E	WM	16	SE SE	3.6			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW NE	13.6			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NE NW	17.2			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW NW	22.8			
37 S	11.5 E.	WM	22	SW NW.	1.1			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE NW	28.4			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NE SW	40.0			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22 _	NW SW	7.6			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE SW	13.2			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NE SE	0.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW SE	32.8			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW SE	1.0			
		Total	199.4					

Transfer Application T-12762 proposes to change the place of use of the right to:

· IRRIGATION								
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	15	NW SW	0.2			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	15	SW SW	17.8			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16	NE SE	1.2			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	16_	SE SE	33.8			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	21	NE NE _	11.7			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	21	SE NE	0.3			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NE NW	10.9			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	MMMM	40.0			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW NW	13.4			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE NW	1.8			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NE SW	33.1			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW SW	3.7			
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW SW	1.8			

	IRRIGATION								
Twp	Twp Rng Mer Sec Q-Q								
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SE SW	18.4				
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	NW SE	2.7				
37 S	11.5 E	WM	22	SW SE	7.6				
37 S	11.5 E	WM	27	NW NE	0.5				
37 S	11.5 E	WM	27	NE NW	0.5				
		Total	199.4						

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

- 9. Water has been used within the last five years. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 10. A pump, pipeline, and sprinkler system 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-12762.
- 11. The proposed changes would not result in enlargement of the rights.
- 12. The proposed changes would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 13. All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in points of appropriation and change in places of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12762 appears 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 approved.

If Transfer Application T-12762 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in points of appropriation and change in places of use proposed in Transfer Application T-12762 are 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 87990 and 87991 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right Certificates 87990 and 87991 are cancelled.
- 4. The quantity of water diverted at the new points of appropriation shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original points of appropriation.
- 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 point of appropriation.

- b. The water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order.
- c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meters or measuring devices are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- 6. Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original points of appropriation.
- 7. The former places of use of the transferred rights shall no longer receive water under the right.
- 8. 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.
- 9. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

MAR 19 2020

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

THOMAS M BYTER, DIRECTOR Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Scott Grew. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach him at scott.a.grew@oregon.gov or 503-986-0890.

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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March 19, 2020

Applicant

VALE RANCHES LLC 1606 AMARAL CT FAIRFIELD, CA 94534

SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-12762

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-12762. 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 contact me at scott.a.grew@oregon.gov or 503-986-0890 if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Transfer Specialist

T-12762

Scott Grew

cc:

Danette M. Watson, District 17 Watermaster (via e-mail)

Lori Graves, Agent for the applicant (via e-mail)

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