

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

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-13479, Baker County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A
)	CHANGE IN POINT OF
)	APPROPRIATION

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

ADAM KERNS
AGRICULTURAL CONSTRUCTION INC.
13685 WILLOW CREEK LN
HAINES, OR 97833

Findings of Fact

1. On June 29, 2020, ADAM KERNS/AGRICULTURAL CONSTRUCTION INC. filed an application to change the point of appropriation under Certificate 58970. The Department assigned the application number T-13479.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on July 7, 2020, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On September 4, 2020, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-13479 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of October 5, 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.

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. The right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 58970 in the name of JAMES E. KERNS (perfected under Permit G-7629)
Use: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION of 97.9 ACRES
Priority Date: JUNE 17, 1977
Rate: 0.36 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 3.0 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year. THE RIGHT SHALL BE LIMITED TO ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE AVAILABLE SUPPLY OF ANY PRIOR RIGHT FOR THE SAME LAND AND SHALL NOT EXCEED THE LIMITATION ALLOWED HEREIN.
Source: JAMES KERNS WELL in the WILLOW CREEK BASIN

Authorized Point of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
7 S	38 E	WM	35	SW SW	JAMES KERNS WELL - 30 FEET NORTH AND 1000 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 35

Authorized Place of Use:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
7 S	38 E	WM	35	SW SW	39.2
8 S	38 E	WM	2	NE NW	29.2
8 S	38 E	WM	2	NW NW	29.5
Total					97.9

5. Transfer Application T-13479 proposes to move the authorized point of appropriation approximately 380 feet from the existing point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
7 S	38 E	WM	35	SW SW	WELL 2 - 30 FEET NORTH AND 620 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF SECTION 35

Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

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-13479.
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 point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-13479 appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-500. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-13479 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The change in point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-13479 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 58970 and any related decree.*
3. *Water right Certificate 58970 is cancelled.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the new point of appropriation (Well 2), shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation (James Kerns Well).*
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 point of appropriation.*
7. *Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2022**. 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.*

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

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

NOV 03 2020



Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for
THOMAS M BYLER, 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.

IMPORTANT: Due to COVID-19, the Department's office is closed to walk-in services. The Department encourages the submission of protests by U.S. Mail. Please consider mailing early to ensure the Department receives the protest by the deadline specified above.

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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November 3, 2020

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SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-13479

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-13479. 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,

Scott Grew

Transfer Specialist

cc: T-13479
Marcy J. Osborn, District 8 Watermaster *(via e-mail)*
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