

## Water Resources Department

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March 14, 2022

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND E-MAIL

#### **Applicant**

ADRIENNE CALABRESE MICHAEL NEWMAN 16450 WATER GAP RD WILLIAMS, OR 97544

SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-13523

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-13523. 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.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me, at <a href="mailto:corey.a.courchane@water.oregon.gov">corey.a.courchane@water.oregon.gov</a> or (503) 979-3917, if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Corey Courchane Transfer Specialist

**Transfer and Conservation Section** 

cc: Transfer Application file T-13523

Scott C. Ceciliani, District 14 Watermaster (via e-mail) Scott D. Fein, Agent for the applicant (via e-mail)

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# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-13523, Josephine County	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN
	)	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.

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### Findings of Fact

- 1. On September 23, 2020, ADRIENNE CALABRESE AND MICHAEL NEWMAN filed an application to change the place of use under Certificate 66521. The Department assigned the application number T-13523.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on September 29, 2020, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 3. On November 10, 2021, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-13523 to the applicants. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of December 13, 2021, for the applicants to respond. The Department did not receive a response.
- 4. On December 28, 2021, the Department contacted the applicants' agent by written correspondence, as the December 13, 2021 deadline was not met for receiving a response. The Department set forth a deadline of January 14, 2022, for the applicants to respond.

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 January 10, 2022, 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.
- 6. The right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 66521 in the name of FRANK N. AND ANN ADELE GLEMBA (perfected under

Permit G-9700)

Use:

**IRRIGATION of 3.0 ACRES** 

**Priority Date:** SEPTEMBER 25, 1981

Rate:

0.04 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:

ONE WELL in the WILLIAMS CREEK BASIN

#### **Authorized Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
38 S	5 W	WM	22	NE SW	220 FEET SOUTH AND 3730 FEET WEST FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 22

#### Authorized Place of Use:

IRRIGATION						
· Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	
38 S	5 W	WM	22	NE SW	3.0	

7. Transfer Application T-13523 proposes to change the place of use (POU) of the right to:

IRRIGATION						
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	
38 S	5 W	WM	22	NE SW	3.0	

8. The applicant has stated, "The POU change is within original 1/4 1/4 and taxlot. Original map for certificate is at 1:1320 scale and is very hard to disseminate actual place of use. This transfer has been prepared in coordination with the District 14 watermaster to bring the necessary level of precision to present day standards to alleviate concerns of enlargement and incorrect place of use in relation to current OWRD records."

#### Transfer Review Criteria (OAR 690-380-4010)

9. 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.

- 10. 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-13523.
- 11. The proposed change would not result in enlargement of the right.
- 12. The proposed change would not result in injury to other water rights.
- 13. All other application requirements are met. ,

## **Determination and Proposed Action**

The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-13523 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-13523 is approved, the final order will include the following:* 

- 1. The change in place of use proposed in Transfer Application T-13523 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 66521 and any related decree.
- 3. Water right Certificate 66521 is cancelled.
- 4. 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 (new and existing).
  - 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.
- 5. The former place of use of the transferred right shall no longer receive water under the right.
- 6. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2023**. 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.

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

MAR 1 4 2022

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer 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 503-979-3917 or <a href="mailto:corey.a.courchane@water.oregon.gov">corey.a.courchane@water.oregon.gov</a>

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**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 <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a>. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll free number.