

# Water Resources Department

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND E-MAIL

## **Applicant**

JANE STOCKFLETH LLC 15561 RIVER RD. NE ST. PAUL, OR 97137

SUBJECT: Groundwater Registration Modification Application T-13419

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-13419. This document is an intermediate step in the approval process; water may not be used legally as proposed in the groundwater registration modification 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 and in the Keizer Times newspaper, 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 last date of newspaper publication.

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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# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Groundwater	)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
Registration Modification Application	)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF RECOGNITION
T-13419, Marion County	)	OF A MODIFICATION IN POINT OF
	. )	APPROPRIATION

#### Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 537.610, 537.705 and 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which the holder of a certificate of registration may submit a request for recognition of modifications to the place of use, character of use or point of appropriation under a groundwater certificate of registration.

Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 382 and 380 implement the statutes and provide the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating groundwater registration modification applications.

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## **Findings of Fact**

- On April 9, 2020, JANE STOCKFLETH LLC filed a groundwater registration modification application to modify the point of appropriation under Registration Application GR-1487 (Certificate of Registration GR-1436). The Department assigned the application number T-13419.
- 2. On March 14, 1963, Registration Application GR-1487 (Certificate of Registration GR-1436) was assigned from RALPH DURETTE to JANE STOCKFLETH *LLC*.
- 3. On June 24, 2020, Registration Application GR-1487 (Certificate of Registration GR-1436) was assigned from JANE STOCKFLETH *LLC* to JANE STOCKFLETH LLC.

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.

- 4. Notice of the application for groundwater registration modification was published on May 12, 2020, pursuant to OAR 690-382-0600. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- 5. On February 3, 2022, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Groundwater Registration Modification Application T-13419 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of March 7, 2022, 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 modification.
- 6. The groundwater registration to be modified is as follows:

Registration: Application GR-1487 (Certificate of Registration GR-1436), in the name of

RALPH DURETTE (assigned to JANE STOCKFLETH LLC)

Use: IRR

**IRRIGATION of 157.0 ACRES** 

Tentative

Priority Date: JULY 10, 1949

Quantity:

**540 GALLONS PER MINUTE** 

Source:

PUMP WELL

## **Original Point of Appropriation:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
	2.147	AV 1404 20 SWANW PUMP WELL - 1100 F		CIA/ NIIA/	PUMP WELL - 1100 FEET NORTH AND 900 FEET
5 S 2 W WM	30   5	SW NW	EAST FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 25		

## Original Place of Use:

IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
5 S	2 W	WM	19	SW SW	20.0
5 S	2 W	WM	30	NW NW	40.0
5 S	2 W	WM	30	SW NW	40.0
5 S	3 W	WM	25	NE NE	22.0
5 \$	3 W	WM	25	SE NE	30.0
5 S	3 W	WM	25	NE SE	5.0
				Total	157.0

7. Groundwater Registration Modification Application T-13419 proposes to modify the location of the original point of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	Approximate distance from original point of appropriation in feet (ft.)
5 S	2 W	WM	19	NE SW	POA 4 - 430 FEET NORTH AND 270 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER OF DLC 90	3606 ft. NE
5 S	2 W	WM	30	SW NW	POA 3 - 1400 FEET SOUTH AND 920 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 30	333 ft. NE
5 S	2 W	WM	30	NW SW	POA 2 - 400 FEET SOUTH AND 750 FEET EAST FROM THE W1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 30	1355 ft. S
5 S	3 W	WM	25	SE NE	POA 1 - 630 FEET NORTH AND 830 FEET WEST FROM THE E1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 25	1793 ft. SW

# Review Criteria for Groundwater Registration Modification Applications [OAR 690-382-0700(2)]

- 8. The proposed modification would not result in enlargement of the groundwater registration.
- The proposed modification would not result in a state Scenic Waterway not receiving
  previously available water during periods in which streamflows are less than the quantities
  determined by the Department to be necessary to meet the requirements of ORS 390.835.
- 10. The proposed modification would not result in injury to other water rights.

#### **Determination and Proposed Action**

The modification in point of appropriation proposed in Groundwater Registration Modification T-13419 appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.610, 537.705, 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-382-1000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-382-0900, the modification will be approved.

If Groundwater Registration Modification T-13419 is approved, the final order will include the following:

The modification to Registration Application GR-1487 (Certificate of Registration GR-1436)
proposed in Groundwater Registration Modification Application T-13419 is recognized.
Recognition of the modification shall not be construed as a final determination of the right to appropriate groundwater under the certificate of registration or modification. Such a determination will occur in an adjudication proceeding under ORS 537.670 to 537.695.

- 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 Registration Application GR-1487 (Certificate of Registration GR-1436) and any related decree.
- 3. Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer (water source) as the original point of appropriation.
- 4. Water shall no longer be appropriated from the original point of appropriation as part of this groundwater certificate of registration.
- 5. The quantity of water diverted at the new points of appropriation (POA 1, 2, 3, and 4), shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation (Pump Well).

VDated in Salem, Oregon on

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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>

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.

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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.