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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND E-MAIL

CRESCENT WATER SUPPLY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
PO BOX 247
CRESCENT, OR 97733-0247

SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-13876

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-13876. 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 and in the Herald and News 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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-986-0892 or Joan.M.Smith@water.oregon.gov if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Joan Smith
Transfer Specialist

cc: T-13876
Jeremy T. Giffin, District 11 Watermaster (*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-13876, Klamath County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF AN
)	ADDITIONAL 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

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Findings of Fact

1. On December 20, 2021, CRESCENT WATER SUPPLY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT filed an application for an additional point of appropriation under Certificate 89904. The Department assigned the application number T-13876.
2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on January 4, 2022, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
3. On June 16, 2022, the Department mailed a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-13876 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of July 18, 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 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

4. The right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 89904 in the name of CRESCENT WATER SUPPLY AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (perfected under Permit G-11990)
Use: QUASI-MUNICIPAL USES
Priority Date: OCTOBER 19, 1989
Rate: 1.8 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS) FURTHER LIMITED TO 1.03 CFS FROM WELL 1, 0.71 CFS FROM WELL 2, LAND 0.50 CFS FROM WELL 3, in any combination, or its equivalent in case of rotation, measured at the well.
Source: WELL 1, WELL 2, AND WELL 3 in the LITTLE DESCHUTES RIVER BASIN

Authorized Points of Appropriation:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot	Measured Distances
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SW NE		WELL 1 - 1680 FEET SOUTH AND 1260 FEET EAST FROM THE N1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 30
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SE NE		WELL 2 - 1520 FEET SOUTH AND 1770 FEET EAST FROM THE N1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 30
25 S	8 E	WM	1	NE NE	1	WELL 3 - 470 FEET SOUTH AND 770 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 1

Authorized Place of Use:

QUASI-MUNICIPAL					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot
24 S	8 E	WM	25	NW NE	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	SW NE	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	SE NE	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	SE NW	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	NE SW	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	NW SW	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	SW SW	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	SE SW	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	NE SE	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	NW SE	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	SW SE	
24 S	8 E	WM	25	SE SE	
24 S	8 E	WM	36	SE NE	
24 S	8 E	WM	36	NE SW	
24 S	8 E	WM	36	SE SW	
24 S	8 E	WM	36	NE SE	
24 S	8 E	WM	36	NW SE	
24 S	8 E	WM	36	SW SE	
24 S	8 E	WM	36	SE SE	
24 S	9 E	WM	30	NE NE	
24 S	9 E	WM	30	NW NE	
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SW NE	
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SE NE	
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SW NW	2
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SE NW	2
24 S	9 E	WM	30	NE SW	3

QUASI-MUNICIPAL					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	GLot
24 S	9 E	WM	30	NW SW	3
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SW SW	3
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SE SW	3
24 S	9 E	WM	30	NW SE	
24 S	9 E	WM	31	NW NW	
24 S	9 E	WM	31	SW NW	
25 S	8 E	WM	1	NE NE	1
25 S	8 E	WM	1	NW NE	1

5. Transfer Application T-13876 proposes an additional point of appropriation approximately between 234 feet and 2.03 miles from the existing points of appropriation to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	APPROXIMATE DISTANCES FROM AUTHORIZED WELLS (feet & miles)		
						WELL 1	WELL 2	WELL 3
24 S	9 E	WM	30	SE NE	WELL 4 - 1580 FEET SOUTH AND 1490 FEET EAST FROM THE N1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 30	234.8 FEET	257.0 FFET	2.03 MILES

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-13876.
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 additional point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-13876 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.

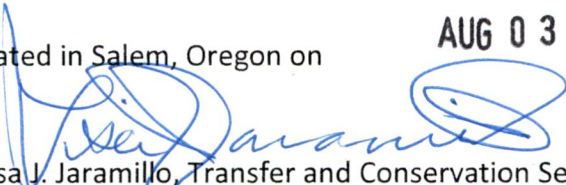
If Transfer Application T-13876 is approved, the final order will include the following:

1. *The additional point of appropriation proposed in Transfer Application T-13876 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 89904 and any related decree.*

3. *Water right Certificate 89904 is cancelled.*
4. *The quantity of water diverted at the additional point of appropriation (WELL 4), together with that diverted at the original points of appropriation (WELLS 1, 2, and 3), shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original points of appropriation (WELLS 1, 2, and 3).*
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. *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.*
8. *After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, a new certificate confirming the right transferred will be issued.*

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

AUG 03 2022


Lisa J. Jaramillo, Transfer and Conservation Section Manager, for
THOMAS M BYLER, DIRECTOR
Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Joan Smith. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 503-986-0892 or Joan.M.Smith@oregon.gov

Protests should be addressed to the attention of Water Rights 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.