BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Transfer Application)	PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
T-14209, Josephine County)	PROPOSING APPROVAL OF A CHANGE IN
)	POINTS OF DIVERSION

Authority

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 540.505 to 540.580 establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request to transfer the point of diversion, 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

Q BAR X RANCH PO BOX 3210 KERBY, OR 97531

Findings of Fact

- 1. On April 6, 2023, Q BAR X RANCH filed an application to change the points of diversion under Certificates 13935, 20780, and 3394. The Department assigned the application number T-14209.
- 2. Notice of the application for transfer was published on April 18, 2023, pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000. No comments were filed in response to the notice.
- On December 20, 2023, the Department sent a copy of the draft Preliminary Determination proposing to approve Transfer Application T-14209 to the applicant. The draft Preliminary Determination cover letter set forth a deadline of January 19, 2024, 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.
- The portion of the first right to be transferred is as follows:

3394 in the name of J. B. KURTZ (perfected under Permit S-3680) Certificate:

IRRIGATION OF 20.3 ACRES Use:

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 28, 1917

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 the newspaper notice or the Department's weekly notice as prescribed by OAR 690-380-4020, whichever is later, of this preliminary determination.

Rate:

0.255 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Limit/Duty:

The amount of water to which such right is entitled and hereby confirmed, for the purposes aforesaid, is limited to an amount actually beneficially used for said purposes, and shall not exceed 0.25 cubic feet per second, or its equivalent in case of rotation. The use hereunder for irrigation shall conform to such reasonable rotation system as may be ordered by the

proper state officer.

Source:

ILLINOIS RIVER, tributary of the ROGUE RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
39 S	8 W	WM	20	SW NE

Authorized Place of Use:

		IRRI	GATION	V	
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
39 S	8 W	WM	8	SW SE	11.0
39 S	8 W	WM	8	SE SE	9.3
i i				TOTAL	20.3

5. Certificate 3394 describes the location of the authorized point of diversion as described above; however, the applicant provided additional information to better describe the authorized point of diversion as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
39 S	8 W	WM	20	SW NE	(POD 1) - 2280 FEET SOUTH AND 1420 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 20

6. Transfer Application T-14209 proposes to move the authorized point of diversion downstream:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	Approximate Distance from Authorized Point of Diversion
39 S	8 W	WM	4	SW NW	POD 2 - 1440 FEET SOUTH AND 250 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 4	1.25 miles downstream
39 S	8 W	WM	16	NW NW	POD 3 - 750 FEET SOUTH AND 910 FEET EAST FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 16	3.2 miles downstream

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

Certificate:

13935 in the name of TWOHY BROTHERS CO. (confirmed by Illinois River

Decree (F))

Use:

IRRIGATION OF 49.5 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 63.7

ACRES

Priority Date: OCTOBER 1, 1898

Limit/Duty: The amount of water to which such right is entitled, for the purposes

aforesaid, is limited to an amount actually beneficially used for said

purposes, and shall not exceed ONE CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND for each 50

ACRES of land irrigated during the irrigation season from April 1 to

November 1 of each year.

Period of Use: April 1 to November 1

Source: ILLINOIS

ILLINOIS RIVER, tributary to the ROGUE RIVER

Authorized Place of Use:

		IRR	IGATIO	N	
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
38 S	8 W	WM	33	NW NW	0.9
38 S	8 W	WM	33	SW NW	3.6
39 S	8 W	WM	8	NE NE	25.0
39 S	8 W	WM	8	SE NE	20.0
				TOTAL	49.5

	SUP	PLEMEN	NTAL IR	RIGATION	
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
38 S	8 W	WM	33	NW SW	4.0
39 S	8 W	WM	4	NW NW	12.0
39 S	8 W	WM	5	SE NE	17.7
39 S	8 W	WM	5	NE SE	10.0
39 S	8 W	WM	5	SE SE	20.0
				TOTAL	63.7

8. Certificate 13935 does not describe the location of the authorized point of diversion. The applicant has provided the location of the authorized point of diversion as follows:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	
39 S	8 W	WM	20	SW NE	2280 FEET SOUTH AND 1420 FEET WEST FROM THE NE	
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9. Transfer Application T-14209 proposes to move the authorized point of diversion downstream to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	Approximate Distance from Authorized Point of Diversion
39 S	8 W	WM	4	SW NW	POD 2 - 1440 FEET SOUTH AND 250 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 4	2.0 miles downstream
39 S	8 W	WM	16	NW NW	POD 3 - 750 FEET SOUTH AND 910 FEET EAST FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 16	2.5 miles downstream

10. The portion of the third right to be transferred is as follows:

Certificate: 20780 in the name of LLOYD A. JOHNSON; C/O ALLEN & SCHULTZ,

ATTORNEYS (perfected under Permit S-22718)

Use:

IRRIGATION OF 96.4 ACRES

Priority Date: NOVEMBER 20, 1953

Rate:

1.93 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, shall be limited to ONE-FIFTIETH 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 3.5 acre-feet per acre for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of

each year.

Source:

ILLINOIS RIVER, tributary of the ROGUE RIVER

Authorized Point of Diversion:

	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
r	39 S	8 W	WM	20	SW NE

Authorized Place of Use:

		IRR	IGATIO	N	
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
38 S	8 W	WM	33	SW NW	13.9
38 S	8 W	WM	33	NW SW	15.0
39 S	8 W	WM	4	SW NW	3.0
39 S	8 W	WM	5	NE SE	20.0
39 S	8 W	WM	5	SW SE	2.0
39 S	8 W	WM	5	SE SE	10.0
39 S	8 W	WM	8	NE NE	10.0
39 S	8 W	WM.	8	NW NE	5.0
39 S	8 W	WM	8	SE NE	2.3
39 S	8 W	WM	8	NE SE	11.3
39 S	8 W	WM	8	NW SE	3.9
				TOTAL	96.4

11. Certificate 20780 describes the location of the authorized point of diversion as described above; however, the applicant provided additional information to better describe the authorized point of diversion as follows:

Measured Distances
OUTH AND 1420 FEET WEST FROM NER OF SECTION 20

12. Transfer Application T-14209 proposes to move the authorized point of diversion downstream to:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances	Approximate Distance from Authorized Point of Diversion
39 S	8 W	WM	4	SW NW	POD 2 - 1440 FEET SOUTH AND 250 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 4	2.0 miles downstream
39 S	8 W	WM	16	NW NW	POD 3 - 750 FEET SOUTH AND 910 FEET EAST FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 16	2.5 miles downstream

13. The following table describes the acreages to be irrigated under the new points of diversion:

IRRIGATION									
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	Proposed POD			
38 S	8 W	WM	33	SW NW	13.9	POD 2 and POD 3			
38 S	8 W	WM	33	NW SW	15.0	POD 2 and POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	4	SW NW	3.0	POD 2 and POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	5	NE SE	20.0	POD 2 and POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	5	SW SE	2.0	POD 2 and POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	5	SE SE	10.0	POD 2 and POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	8	NE NE	10.0	POD 2 and POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	8	NW NE	5.0	POD 2 and POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	8	SE NE	2.3	POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	8	NE SE	11.3	POD 3			
39 S	8 W	WM	8	NW SE	3.9	POD 3			
				96.4					

14. The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) has determined that a fish screening and/or by-pass device is necessary at the new point of diversion to prevent fish from entering the diversion and/or safely transport fish back to the body of water from which the fish were diverted and that the diversion is not currently equipped with an appropriate fish screening and/or by-pass device. This diversion may be eligible for screening cost share funds.

Transfer Review Criteria [OAR 690-380-0100(14), 690-380-4010(2) and 690-380-2110(2)]

- 15. Water has been used within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-14209 according to the terms and conditions of the right. There is no information in the record that would demonstrate that the rights are subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610.
- 16. A water delivery system sufficient to use the full amount of water allowed under the existing rights was present within the five-year period prior to submittal of Transfer Application T-14209.
- 17. The water rights are subject to transfer as defined in ORS 540.505(4) and OAR 690-380-0100(14).

- 18. The proposed point of diversion diverts water from the same source of surface water as the authorized point of diversion, as required by OAR 690-380-2110(2).
- 19. The proposed changes, as conditioned, would not result in enlargement of the rights.
- 20. The proposed changes, as conditioned, would not result in injury to other existing water rights.
- 21. All other application requirements are met.

Determination and Proposed Action

The change in points of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-14209 appears to be consistent with the requirements of ORS 540.505 to 540.580 and OAR 690-380-5000. If protests are not filed pursuant to OAR 690-380-4030, the transfer application will be approved.

If Transfer Application T-14209 is approved, the final order will include the following:

- 1. The change in points of diversion proposed in Transfer Application T-14209 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 Certificates 3394, 13935, and 20780 and any related decree.
- 3. Approval of this transfer application does not constitute nor grant legal access onto or through another person's property for purposes of accessing the new points of diversion.
- 4. Water right Certificates 3394, 13935, and 20780 are cancelled. New certificates will be issued describing the portion of the rights not affected by this transfer.
- 5. The quantity of water diverted at the new points of diversion shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of diversion.
- 6. The quantity of water diverted at the new points of diversion, together with that diverted at the original points of diversion, shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original points of diversion.
- 7. Water shall be acquired from the same source of surface water as the original points of diversion.
- 8. 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 diversion.
 - 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.
- 9. Prior to diverting water, the water user shall install a headgate to control and regulate the quantity of water diverted. The type and plans of the headgate must be approved by the Department prior to beginning construction and shall be installed under the general supervision of the Department. The water user shall maintain the headgate as required by the Department.
- 10. Prior to diverting water, the water user shall install a fish screening and/or by-pass device, as appropriate, at the new points of diversion consistent with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's (ODFW) design and construction standards. Prior to installation, the water user shall obtain written approval from ODFW that the required screen and/or by-pass device meets ODFW's criteria. Prior to submitting a Claim of Beneficial Use, the water user must obtain written approval from ODFW that the required screening and/or by-pass device was installed to the state's criteria. The water user shall maintain and operate the fish screen and/or by-pass device, as appropriate, at the point of diversion consistent with ODFW's operational and maintenance standards.
- 11. Full beneficial use of the water shall be made, consistent with the terms of this order, on or before **October 1, 2025**. 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.
- 12. After satisfactory proof of beneficial use is received, new certificates confirming the rights transferred will be issued.

Dated in Salem, Oregon on

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

DOUGLAS E. WOODCOCK, ACTING DIRECTOR

Oregon Water Resources Department

This Preliminary Determination was prepared by Dante Luongo. If you have questions about the information in this document, you may reach me at 971 304-5006 or Dante J. Luongo@water.oregon.gov.

Protests

Under the provisions of ORS 540.520(6) & (7) and OAR 690-380-4030, within 30 days after the last date of publication of the newspaper notice or the Department's weekly notice as

prescribed by OAR 690-380-4020, whichever is later, any person may file, jointly or severally, a protest expressing opposition of approval of the transfer application and disagreement with this Preliminary Determination or a standing statement in support of this Preliminary Determination. If this Preliminary Determination determines that a change in point of diversion or appropriation would result in injury, the applicant may file a notification of intent to pursue approval of the transfer under OAR 690-380-5030 to 690-380-5050. Protests and standing statements must be received by the Water Resources Department within 30 days after the last date of publication of the newspaper notice or the Department's weekly notice as prescribed by OAR 690-380-4020, whichever is later.

Protests must be in writing and received in hard copy form with the appropriate statutory protest filing fee; protests cannot be filed by electronic mail. [OAR 690-002-0025(3) and 690-380-0100(9)]. The protest must include the following:

- The person's name, address, and telephone number;
- All reasonably ascertainable issues and all reasonably available arguments supporting
 the person's position by the close of the protest period. Failure to raise a reasonably
 ascertainable issue in a protest or failure to provide sufficient specificity to afford the
 Department an opportunity to respond to the issue may preclude consideration of the
 issue during the hearing;
- If you are the applicant, a protest fee of \$480 required by ORS 536.050; and
- If you are not the applicant, a protest fee of \$950 required by ORS 536.050 and proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.

Requests for Standing

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Under the provisions of OAR 690-380-4030(5), the Department shall provide to persons who have filed standing statements as defined under OAR 690-380-0100(11) notice of any differences between the Department's Preliminary Determination and the Final Order, notice of a hearing on the application under OAR 137-003-0535, and an opportunity to request limited party status or party status in the hearing.

Requests for standing must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than 30 days after the last date of publication of the newspaper notice or the Department's weekly notice as prescribed by OAR 690-380-4020, whichever is later. Requests for standing must be in writing, and must include the following:

- The requester's name, mailing address and telephone number;
- If the requester is representing a group, association or other organization, the name, address and telephone number of the represented group;

- A statement that the requester supports the preliminary determination as issued.

After the protest period has ended, the Director will either issue a Final Order or schedule a contested case hearing. The contested case hearing will be scheduled only if a protest has been filed under OAR 690-380-4030. In accordance with OAR 690-380-4200, notice and conduct of the hearing shall:

- Be under the applicable provisions of ORS 183.310 to 183.550, pertaining to contested cases, and the hearing shall be held in the area where the rights are located unless all parties stipulate otherwise; and
- If a protest has asserted that a water right to be transferred has been forfeited through non-use, include the notice and procedures described in OAR 690-017-0500 to 690-017-0900.

If after hearing the Department issues a proposed Final Order finding that a change in point of diversion or appropriation will result in injury, the applicant may file a notification of intent to pursue approval of the transfer under OAR 690-380-5030 to 690-380-5050 within 15 days of receipt of the proposed order. Notwithstanding 690-002-0175, if the applicant files a notification of intent to pursue approval of the transfer under 690-380-5030 to 690-380-5050, the deadline for filing exceptions to the proposed order shall be 30 days after the Department provides notice to the parties that the transfer does not meet the requirements of 690-380-5030 to 690-380-5050.

If you do not request a hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period, or if you withdraw a request for a hearing, notify the Department or the administrative law judge that you will not appear, or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Director may issue a final order by default. If the Director issues a Final Order by default, the Department designates the relevant portions of its files on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for purpose of proving a *prima facie* case upon default.

You may be represented by an attorney at the hearing. Legal aid organizations may be able to assist a party with limited financial resources. Generally, partnerships, corporations, associations, governmental subdivisions, or public or private organizations are represented by an attorney. However, consistent with OAR 690-002-0020 and OAR 690-137-0555, an agency representative may represent partnerships, corporations, associations, governmental subdivisions or public, or private organizations if the Department determines that appearance of a person by an authorized representative will not hinder the orderly and timely development of the record in this case.

Notice Regarding Servicemembers: Active-duty servicemembers have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. 50 U.S.C. App. §§501-597b. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military

Department at 971-355-4127, or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through http://legalassistance.law.af.mil.

If you have questions about how to file a protest or if you have previously filed a protest and you want to know the status, please contact Will Davidson at 503-507-2749.

If you have questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at 503-986-0900.

Address any correspondence to: Oregon Water Resources Department, Transfer and Conservation Section, 725 Summer Street NE, Suite A, Salem OR 97301-1266.



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February 26, 2024

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL AND E-MAIL

Applicant Q BAR X RANCH PO BOX 3210 KERBY, OR 97531

SUBJECT: Water Right Transfer Application T-14209

Please find enclosed the Preliminary Determination indicating that, based on the information available, the Department intends to approve application T-14209. 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 Daily Courier 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 don't hesitate to contact me at 971 304-5006 or Dante.J.Luongo@water.oregon.gov, if I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,

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