

**Oregon Water Resources Department  
Water Right Services Division**

Water Right Application S-89551 in the )	FINAL ORDER
name of DEMERGASSO FAMILY OREGON )	APPROVING THE USE OF
FARM TRUST )	STORED WATER

**Summary:** Order approving Application S-89551 and issuing Permit S-55531.

**Authority**

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.147 establishes the process by which an application to use stored water exclusively may be submitted. Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 310 and 340 implement the statute, and provide the Department’s procedures and criteria for evaluating applications to use stored water exclusively. These statutes and rules can be viewed on the following website: [www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/policylawandrules](http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/policylawandrules)

The Department’s main page is: [www.oregon.gov/OWRD](http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD)

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On July 2, 2024, Demergasso Family Oregon Farm Trust submitted an application for a water-use permit pursuant to ORS 537.147:
  - Source:** WILLAMETTE BASIN PROJECT RESERVOIRS, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-5363, TRIBUTARY TO WILLAMETTE RIVER
  - Use:** IRRIGATION OF 181.9 ACRES
  - Volume:** 454.75 ACRE-FEET (AF)
  - Period of Use:** MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31
  - County:** LINN COUNTY
  - Place of Use:** SECTIONS 22 AND 27, TOWNSHIP 15 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, W.M.
2. The required examination fees were paid, and the minimum application requirements were met.
3. The Department has determined that the proposed use is an authorized use under the water right permit, certificate, or decree that allows the storage of water.
4. On July 9, 2024, the Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly public notice. A 30-day comment period followed.

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

This is an order in other than contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 536.075 and ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to OAR 137-004-0080, you may petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

5. The Department has not received public comments related to the possible issuance of the attached permit. Therefore, the Department has determined that no public interest issues as identified in ORS 537.170(8) have been raised.
6. On July 20, 2022, the Department received an affidavit for voluntary diminution of the entirety of Certificate 52658 to resolve a place of use conflict with Application S-89551. The Department will issue a separate order canceling Certificate 52658 concurrently with issuance of this final order and permit. The Department will issue water right Certificate 97889, a new and superseding certificate, to describe diminution of the entire right to supplemental irrigation concurrently with issuance of this final order and permit.


**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Application S-89551 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.147 and OAR Chapter 690.

**ORDER**

Application S-89551 is approved and Permit S-55531 is issued as limited by the conditions contained therein.

DATED AUGUST 16, 2024



Katherine Ratcliffe  
Water Rights Section Manager, for  
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Oregon Water Resources Department

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