

**OREGON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

**CHAPTER 690
DIVISION 380**

WATER RIGHT TRANSFERS

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6 **General Provisions**

7 **690-380-0010**

8 **Purpose**

9 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0001)**

10 (1) The **rules in OAR Chapter 690, Division 380** [*purpose of this division is to*] establish
11 requirements and procedures **that** [*which*] shall be used by the Department to evaluate an
12 application to change a water use subject to transfer. The rules describe the requirements **for** [*to*]
13 permanently **changing** [*change*] the use, place of use, point of diversion or point of appropriation
14 of a water use subject to transfer and **for** [*to*] temporarily **changing** [*change*] the **character of**
15 **use of stored water and the** place of use of a water use subject to transfer.

16 (2) **A water user may make** the following changes **without filing** [*are not required to file*] a
17 transfer application pursuant to ORS 540.520 and OAR **690-380-3000** [*690-015-0060*]:

18 (a) The allocation of conserved water, **however, an application for allocation of conserved**
19 **water is required** pursuant to ORS **537.455 to 537.500 and OAR Chapter 690, Division 18**
20 **and notice of a change in place of use of conserved water is required pursuant to 537.490**
21 [*537.470*];

22 (b) **Use water at an additional or different place of use** [*Any water used*] under a **water use**
23 **subject to transfer** [*permit or certificate*] issued to a municipality, [*or to*] rights conferred by
24 ORS 538.410 to 538.450, or under the registration system set forth in ORS 537.132 provided the
25 water use complies with the requirements under ORS 540.510(3)(a)(A) **to** [*-*](C) and
26 540.510(3)(b);

27 (c) **Use water at a different place of use** [*Any water used*] under a permit or certificate issued to
28 a district pursuant to ORS 540.570 to 540.580 and OAR Chapter 690, Division 21, **however, a**
29 **petition for the change must be submitted to the Department by the district**;

30 (d) A change in point of diversion pursuant to ORS 540.510(5) **and the diversion is provided**
31 **with a proper fish screen, if requested by ODFW**;

32 (e) A point of diversion change caused by government action pursuant to ORS 540.510(6)
33 **provided that the owner notifies the Department before changing the point of diversion**;

34 (f) **A point of appropriation or diversion change or a place of use change under a water use**
35 **permit through a permit amendment for which an application has been filed and approved**
36 **by the Department** [*changes*] pursuant to ORS 537.211 **(4) to (9)**;

1 (g) Water right changes made for lands not described in a permit when the Department issues a
2 certificate pursuant to ORS 537.252; [~~and~~]

3 (h) An exchange of water that meets the criteria in ORS 540.533 and 540.537 if the
4 exchange is approved pursuant to OAR 690-380-2260;

5 (i) A change in character of use from a specific industrial use to general industrial use
6 provided notice is provided to the Department of the change and the change is consistent
7 with the criteria in OAR 690-380-2340; and

8 (j) ~~(i)~~ Any change of use if the beneficial use authorized by the water use subject to transfer is
9 irrigation and the owner of the water right uses the water for incidental agricultural, stock
10 watering and other uses related to irrigation use, so long as there is no increase in the rate, duty,
11 total acreage benefited or season of use.

12 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

13 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.532*

14 *Hist.: WRD 16-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

15 **690-380-0090**

16 **Applicability**

17 **The rules in OAR Chapter 690, Division 380 shall apply to all applications received by the**
18 **Department after July 1, 2003 and all transfers for which a final order has not been issued**
19 **by the Department by July 1, 2003 except as follows:**

20 **(1) Until July 1, 2003, the Department shall accept applications that conform to the**
21 **requirements of either OAR 690-380-3000 or OAR 690-015-0060 as adopted by the**
22 **Commission in June 1996.**

23 **(2) Notice of receipt of an application pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000(3) shall not be**
24 **required if notice of the application has previously been published in the Department's**
25 **weekly notice pursuant to OAR 690-015-0080(1) as adopted by the Commission in June**
26 **1996.**

27 **(3) Until July 1, 2003 or if protests are filed during the period described in OAR 690-015-**
28 **0080 as adopted by the Commission in June 1996, at the discretion of the Director, the**
29 **Department may:**

30 **(a) Prepare a preliminary determination and initiate the procedures described under OAR**
31 **690-380-4010 to 690-380-4200; or**

32 **(b) Issue a final order pursuant to OAR Chapter 690, Division 015 as adopted by the**
33 **Commission in June 1996.**

34 **(4) If affidavits are filed pursuant to OAR 690-017-0400, at the discretion of the Director,**
35 **the Department may:**

36 **(a) Prepare a preliminary determination and initiate the procedures described under OAR**
37 **690-380-4010 to 690-380-4200; or**

38 **(b) Initiate cancellation proceedings under OAR Chapter 690, Division 017.**

1 **(5) The Department shall provide notice of any preliminary determination by publication**
2 **in the Department’s weekly notice, but shall not require newspaper notice pursuant to**
3 **OAR 690-380-4020(1)(b) if newspaper notice has previously been published pursuant to**
4 **OAR 690-015-0080(1) as adopted by the Commission in June 1996.**

5 **690-380-0100**

6 **Definitions**

7 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0005)**

8 The [~~following~~] definitions **in this rule**, along with the [~~applicable~~] definitions [~~contained~~] in
9 OAR **690-08-001 and 690-300-010** [~~Chapter 690, Divisions 8 and 300~~], apply to the rules in
10 **OAR Chapter 690, Division 380. Where a term is defined in more than one rule, the**
11 **definition in this rule applies.** [~~this Division:~~]

12 [~~(1) “Commission” means the Water Resources Commission.~~]

13 [~~(2) “Department” means the Water Resources Department.~~]

14 [~~(3) “Director” means the director of the Water Resources Department.~~]

15 **(1)** [~~(4)~~] “District” means an irrigation district formed under ORS chapter 545, a drainage district
16 formed under ORS chapter 547, a water improvement district formed under ORS chapter 552, a
17 water control district formed under ORS chapter 553 or a corporation organized under ORS
18 chapter 554.

19 **(2) “Enlargement” means an expansion of a water right and includes, but is not limited to:**

20 **(a) Using a greater rate or duty of water per acre than currently allowed under a right;**

21 **(b) Increasing the acreage irrigated under a right;**

22 **(c) Failing to keep the original place of use from receiving water from the same source; or**

23 **(d) Diverting more water at the new point of diversion or appropriation than is legally**
24 **available to that right at the original point of diversion or appropriation.**

25 **(3)** [~~(5)~~] **“Injury” or** “Injury to an existing water right” means a proposed transfer would result
26 in **another, existing** [~~an~~] water right not receiving **previously available** [~~the~~] water to which it is
27 legally entitled.

28 **(4)** [~~(6)~~] “ODFW” means the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

29 **(5)** [~~(7)~~] “Point of appropriation” means a well or the pump location on a sump at which ground
30 water is withdrawn from the ground for use under a ground water right.

31 **(6)** [~~(8)~~] “Point of diversion” means the place at which surface water is diverted from a surface
32 water source as specified in the water right. It may be the head of a ditch, a pump suction line,
33 the center line of a dam, or other point at which control is taken of surface water.

34 **(7)** [~~(9)~~] “Primary water right” means the water right designated by the Commission as the
35 principal water supply for the authorized use, or if no designation has been made, the water right
36 designated by the applicant as the principal water supply for the authorized use.

1 **(8) “Protest” means a written statement expressing opposition to approval of a transfer**
2 **application and disagreement with a preliminary determination that is filed in response to**
3 **the notice prescribed by ORS 540.520(5) and OAR 690-380-4020 and includes the fee**
4 **prescribed in ORS 536.050.**

5 **(9) “Standing statement” means a written statement expressing support for a preliminary**
6 **determination that is filed in response to the notice prescribed by ORS 540.520(5) and**
7 **OAR 690-380-4020.**

8 **(10)** ~~(10)~~ “Supplemental water right or permit” means an additional appropriation of water to
9 make up a deficiency in supply from an existing water right. A supplemental water right or
10 permit is used in conjunction with a primary water right.

11 **(11)** ~~(11)~~ “Water use subject to transfer” means a water use established by:

12 (a) An adjudication under ORS chapter 539 as evidenced by court decree;

13 (b) A water right certificate;

14 (c) A water use permit for which a request for issuance of a water right certificate under ORS
15 537.250 has been received and approved by the Commission under ORS 537.250; or

16 (d) A transfer application for which an order **approving the change** has been issued under ORS
17 540.530 **and for which proper proof of completion of the change has been filed with the**
18 **Commission** ~~[*approving the change*].~~

19 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

20 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.532*

21 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 10-1988, f. & cert. ef. 8-10-88; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

22 Permanent Transfers

23 **690-380-2000**

24 **Types of Permanent Transfers**

25 **Permanent water right transfers include:**

26 **(1) A change in the point of diversion or appropriation pursuant to OAR 690-380-2110,**
27 **690-380-2120 and 690-380-2130;**

28 **(2) A change in the place of use pursuant to OAR 690-380-2200, 690-380-2250, and 690-**
29 **380-2260;**

30 **(3) A change in the character of use pursuant to OAR 690-380-2300; 690-380-2320, 690-**
31 **380-2330, and 690-380-2340; and**

32 **(4) A change involving municipal water rights pursuant to OAR 690-380-2410, 690-380-**
33 **2420, and 690-380-2430.**

1 **690-380-2110**

2 **Change in Point of Diversion or Point of Appropriation**

3 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0010)**

4 (1) Except as provided in ORS 540.531 and OAR 690-380-2130 [~~690-015-0210~~], a change in
5 point of diversion is restricted to the same source of surface water. A change in point of
6 appropriation is restricted to the same aquifer.

7 [~~(2) Whenever a change in point of diversion along a stream channel would move the diversion~~
8 ~~point past a point of substantial inflow, the applicant shall submit evidence showing how the~~
9 ~~transfer can be effected without injury to existing rights.~~

10 [~~(3) Water may be diverted or appropriated at the new point of diversion or point of~~
11 ~~appropriation only to the extent that water is lawfully available at the original point of diversion~~
12 ~~or point of appropriation.]~~

13 **(2)** [~~(4)~~] As provided in ORS 450.695(2), a water authority may change the points of diversion or
14 move the water intake sources of the water use permits or certificates conveyed to it by the
15 districts and municipalities that formed the water authority. For the purposes of this subsection,
16 moving a water intake source is the same as changing the location of a point of diversion. Water
17 authorities shall be subject to the following requirements:

18 (a) A request by a water authority to change the location of a point of diversion from that
19 authorized by a water right certificate shall be made pursuant to ORS chapter 540 and OAR
20 Chapter 690, Division **380** [~~45~~] transfer rules;

21 (b) A request by a water authority to change the location of a point of diversion authorized by a
22 water use permit, as defined in OAR 690-380-0100(11) [~~690-015-0005(11)~~] (c), shall be subject
23 to the same statutory and administrative review criteria prescribed by ORS chapter 540 and OAR
24 Chapter 690, Division **380** [~~45~~] transfer rules for water uses subject to transfer; and

25 (c) A request by a water authority **for changes** [~~to change~~] in **the** point of diversion for water
26 right permits other than those covered under subsection **(2)** [~~(4)~~](b) **of this rule**, shall be made
27 pursuant to ORS 537.211.

28 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

29 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 450.695 & ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.532*

30 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 16-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90, Renumbered from 690-015-0015; WRD*
31 *19-1990, f. & cert. ef. 12-14-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

32 **690-380-2120**

33 **Change in Point of Diversion to Reflect Historical Use**

34 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0240)**

35 (1) As provided in ORS 540.532, any individual who holds a water right certificate or decree
36 may request a change in point of diversion to reflect **the** [~~a~~] historical use of water at a point of
37 diversion other than that described in the water right certificate or decree. The individual shall
38 use the Department's water right transfer application form, clearly marked "Historic Change in
39 POD," and, **except as otherwise provided in section (2) of this rule**, include the information
40 required in OAR 690-380-3000 [~~690-015-0060~~].

- 1 (2) An individual requesting a change in the point of diversion under **section** [*subsection*] (1) of
2 this rule shall provide to the Department the following information:
- 3 (a) Evidence that the actual, current point of diversion for the water right in question has been in
4 use for more than 10 years;
- 5 (b) A map meeting the requirements of OAR **690-380-3100** [*690-015-0070*], except that it need
6 not be prepared by a certified water rights examiner. The map shall be of sufficient detail and
7 clarity to identify the true point of diversion including but not limited to:
- 8 (A) The county tax lot number, township, range and section, and to the nearest quarter-quarter
9 section or latitude and longitude as established by a global positioning system; and
- 10 (B) The locations of the point of diversion as specified in the water right certificate or decree and
11 the actual, current point of diversion;
- 12 (c) Evidence that there has been no claim of injury prior to the request for the change in point of
13 diversion. The evidence shall include a statement from the local watermaster, based upon the
14 watermaster's knowledge and Department records, that no complaint of injury has been made
15 due to the use of water at the actual, current point of diversion.
- 16 (3) **On receipt of an application for a change in point of diversion under section (1) of this**
17 **rule, [*The individual shall request from*] the Department shall:**
- 18 **(a) Provide the applicant** a list of the affected water rights. [*The request shall be made to the*
19 *department at the same time as the filing of the application under section (1) of this rule.*] The
20 list shall include, but is not limited to:
- 21 **(A) [~~(a)~~]** Any water right with an intervening point of diversion;
- 22 **(B) [~~(b)~~]** Any water right for use of stored water being delivered from an upstream reservoir to a
23 downstream user;
- 24 **(C) [~~(c)~~]** Any water right upstream from a significant inflow of water if the request moves the
25 proposed point of diversion upstream, above the inflow, from the authorized point of diversion;
- 26 **(D) [~~(d)~~]** Any water right downstream from a significant inflow of water if the request moves the
27 proposed point of diversion downstream, below the inflow, from the authorized point of
28 diversion;
- 29 **(b) Provide the applicant a copy of a notice to be mailed or hand-delivered to the affected**
30 **water right holders that:**
- 31 **(A) Describes the locations of the authorized and actual points of diversion;**
- 32 **(B) States that the recipient on the notice may provide comments to the Department on**
33 **whether the requested change in point of diversion will cause injury; and**
- 34 **(C) Establishes a comment period of at least 30 days after the notice is mailed or hand-**
35 **delivered to each of the affected water right holders;**
- 36 **(c) Consult with ODFW in the manner provided under OAR 690-380-5060; and**
- 37 **(d) Provide notice of the application in the weekly notice published by the Department.**

1 (4) Upon receipt **from the Department** of the list of affected water rights **and a copy of the**
2 **notice** [*from the department*], the individual shall determine the name and address of the **current**
3 holder of each affected water right **identified by the Department** and shall mail or hand deliver
4 **the** [*written*] notice [*of the requested change*] to all such holders. The individual shall provide to
5 the Department written proof of service upon the water right holders. A transfer under **section**
6 [*subsection*] (1) of this rule shall not be approved by the Department before the Department
7 receives the written proof of service **and before the comment date specified in the notice,**
8 **whichever is later.**

9 [*(5) Upon receipt of an application for a change in the point of diversion under subsection (1) of*
10 *this rule, the department shall consult with ODFW in the manner provided under OAR 690-015-*
11 *0073.*

12 [*(6) Upon receipt of an application under subsection (1) of this rule, the department shall provide*
13 *notice of the application in the weekly notice published by the department.*

14 [*(7) An individual is a natural person, not a government body, organization, business enterprise,*
15 *or other such entity.]*

16 **(5) [(8)] If, after considering any comments received,** the Department finds the individual
17 requesting a change in point of diversion to reflect historical use satisfies the requirements under
18 section (2) **to (4) [-(7)]** of this rule **and that the change does not cause injury,** the request shall
19 be approved. [*]* The [*director shall enter an*] order approving the change in point of diversion
20 **shall establish a deadline for compliance with any conditions needed to prevent injury and,**
21 **where required, to provide fish screening.** [*including any needed conditions, included if*
22 *needed, a condition that water may not be used until all appropriate conditions of the approval*
23 *order have been met.]* If a certificate had previously been issued, the order shall cancel the
24 certificate. The director shall issue a new certificate confirming the change in point of diversion
25 and preserving all other conditions of the water right.

26 **(6) After the deadline for compliance with conditions of an approval established pursuant**
27 **to section (5) of this rule, the use of water from the point of diversion shall be subject to**
28 **continued compliance with the conditions.**

29 **(7) As used in this rule, “individual” means a natural person and does not include a**
30 **government body, organization, business enterprise, or other such entity.**

31 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

32 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.532*

33 *Hist.: WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

34 **690-380-2130**

35 **Change from a Surface Water Point of Diversion to a Groundwater Appropriation** 36 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0210)**

37 (1) As provided in ORS 540.531, an owner of a surface water use subject to transfer may apply
38 for a transfer of the point of diversion to allow the appropriation of groundwater, subject to the
39 requirements for a transfer in point of diversion under this Division and the requirements under
40 **section** [*subsection*] (2) of this rule.

- 1 (2) The Department may allow the transfer of the point of diversion under section (1) of this rule
2 if a transfer application demonstrates:
- 3 (a) The new point of diversion appropriates groundwater from an unconfined aquifer that is
4 hydraulically connected to the authorized surface source;
- 5 (b) The proposed change in point of diversion will not result in **injury or** enlargement [*of the*
6 *original water right or in injury to other water right holders*];
- 7 (c) The proposed change in point of diversion will affect the surface water source similarly to the
8 authorized point of diversion specified in the water use subject to transfer; and
- 9 (d) The withdrawal of groundwater at the new point of diversion is located within 500 feet of the
10 surface water source and, when the surface water source is a stream, is also located within 1000
11 feet upstream or downstream of the original point of diversion as specified in the water use
12 subject to transfer; or
- 13 (e) If the distance requirements in subsection (2)(d) of this rule are not met, the holder of a water
14 use subject to transfer shall submit to the Department evidence prepared by a licensed geologist
15 that demonstrates that the use of the groundwater at the new point of diversion will meet the
16 criteria set forth in subsections (2)(a) **to** [-] (c) of this rule.
- 17 (3) A transfer application requesting to change the point of diversion from a surface water
18 diversion to a groundwater appropriation for which evidence prepared by a licensed geologist is
19 required under subsection (2)(e) of this rule shall be evaluated by the Department in the
20 following manner:
- 21 (a) The change in point of diversion request shall be examined to determine the potential for
22 injury as if the change is to be from the authorized point of diversion to a point on the stream
23 nearest the proposed well;
- 24 (b) If potential injury is not found, the evidence prepared by a licensed geologist and submitted
25 by the applicant shall be evaluated to determine whether the application meets the other
26 requirements of subsection (2)(a) **to** [-] (c) of this rule. The geologist's report shall examine the
27 effect on the surface water source in the vicinity of the point on the stream nearest the proposed
28 new point of diversion.
- 29 (4) **The new point of diversion shall retain the original date of priority and** all **other**
30 **applicable conditions and** restrictions that existed at the original point of diversion shall apply at
31 the new point of diversion **authorized under the transfer** [*allowed under this rule*].
- 32 (5) [*The new point of diversion shall retain the original date of priority, however,*] If within five
33 years after approving a transfer under this rule, the Department finds that the transfer results in
34 substantial or undue interference with an existing ground water right that would not have
35 occurred in the absence of the transfer, the new point of diversion shall be subordinate to the
36 existing right injured by the transfer. This **section** [*subsection*] applies only to wells with rights
37 existing at the time the transfer was approved. [*This subsection does not apply to water rights*
38 *resulting from subsequent transfer approvals.*]
- 39 (6) **The original point of diversion of surface water shall not be retained as an additional or**
40 **supplemental point of diversion. However,** if within **five** [~~5~~] years after the Department
41 approves a transfer under this rule, the Department receives a transfer application to return to the

1 last authorized surface water point of diversion, the application shall be approved. It shall be
2 presumed, for transfers under this **section** [*subsection*], that there is no injury [*to existing water*
3 *rights*], including **injury to** rights obtained or transferred after the approval of the first transfer.

4 **(7) For any transfer allowed under sections (1) to (5) of this rule, the Department shall**
5 **require mitigation measures to prevent depletion from any surface water source not**
6 **specified in the permit or certificated or decreed water right pursuant to ORS 540.531(6).**

7 **(8) As used in** [*For purposes of*] this rule [*only*]:

8 (a) **“Existing ground water right” means a right that existed at the time a transfer was**
9 **approved under sections (1) to (5) of this rule and does not include a right established after**
10 **the transfer whether by permit or a change in point of appropriation regardless of priority**
11 **date.**

12 (b) **“Similarly”** means that the use of groundwater at the new point of diversion affects only the
13 surface water source specified in the permit or certificated or decreed water right and would
14 result in stream depletion of at least 50 percent of the rate of appropriation within 10 days of
15 continuous pumping.

16 (c) [*(b)*] **“Unconfined aquifer”** means an aquifer in which the pressure at the upper surface of
17 saturation is equal to atmospheric pressure.

18 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

19 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.520, ORS 540.530 & ORS 540.531*

20 *Hist.: WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

21 **690-380-2200**

22 **Changes in Place of Use**

23 **No change in the place of use may be made except as described under OAR 690-380-0010**
24 **or as approved by the Department through a water right transfer or pursuant to OAR 690-**
25 **380-2260.**

26 **690-380-2250**

27 **Transfer of Supplemental Water Right or Permit**

28 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0048)**

29 (1) When an application for change of the use or place of use for a primary water right is
30 submitted in accordance with OAR **690-380-3000** [*690-015-0060*], the applicant also shall
31 indicate whether the land described in the application has an appurtenant supplemental water
32 right or permit. If the applicant intends to transfer the supplemental water right or permit with the
33 primary **water** right, the applicant shall include information on the supplemental right or permit
34 as part of the transfer application for the primary water right as required under OAR **690-380-**
35 **3000** [*690-015-0060*].

36 (2) If the applicant does not include the supplemental water right or permit in the transfer
37 application, the Department shall notify the applicant and the **land** [*deeded*] owner, as identified
38 under OAR **690-380-3000(13)** [*690-015-0060(12)*], that the supplemental water right will be
39 canceled **when** [*before*] **before** the Department issues the order approving the transfer of the

1 primary water right, unless within 30 days after the date of Department notification, the applicant
2 modifies the application to include the supplemental water right or permit or withdraws the
3 application.

4 (3) The Department may approve the transfer of a supplemental water right or permit in
5 accordance with ORS 540.520 and 540.530. The Department shall not approve the transfer of a
6 supplemental water right or permit if the transfer would result in **injury or** enlargement [*of the*
7 *original water right or injury to an existing water right*].

8 (4) If the Department approves the transfer of the primary water right but does not approve the
9 transfer of the supplemental water right or permit, the Department shall notify the applicant and
10 the **land** [*deeded*] owner, as identified under OAR **690-380-3000(13)** [*690-015-0060(12)*], of the
11 Department's intent to cancel that portion of the supplemental water right or permit described in
12 the transfer application before the Department issues the primary water right transfer order,
13 unless the applicant withdraws the transfer application within 90 days.

14 **(5) The order issued by the Department approving the transfer of a primary water right**
15 **shall also cancel any appurtenant supplemental water right or permit not included in the**
16 **transfer if the applicant does not modify or withdraw the application pursuant to section**
17 **(2) of this rule or withdraw the application pursuant to section (4) of this rule.**

18 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
19 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.530*
20 *Hist.: WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

21 **690-380-2260**

22 **Exchanges of Water**

23 **(1) A person proposing to use stored, surface or ground water from another source in**
24 **exchange for supplying replacement water in an equal amount pursuant to ORS 540.533 to**
25 **540.543 shall file an exchange application with the Department along with the fee required**
26 **under ORS 536.050.**

27 **(2) After receipt of a complete exchange application, the Department shall give at least 30**
28 **days public notice of the application:**

29 **(a) By publication in the Department's weekly notice; and**

30 **(b) By publication in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area in which the**
31 **water uses are located at least once each week for three successive weeks.**

32 **(3) Any person may submit comments by the date identified in the notices prescribed by**
33 **subsections (2)(a) and (2)(b) of this rule.**

34 **(4) After the comment period prescribed in section (2) of this rule, the Director shall:**

35 **(a) Issue a proposed order approving or denying the application in compliance with OAR**
36 **540.537 taking into account comments received under section (3) of this rule; and**

37 **(b) Notify the applicant and any person who submitted comments under section (3) of this**
38 **rule of issuance of the proposed order.**

1 **(5) If the applicant or a person who submitted comments under section (3) of this rule,**
2 **requests an opportunity for a hearing, the Department shall contact the applicant and the**
3 **commentors to determine if the issues raised can be resolved through negotiations. If the**
4 **Department concludes that negotiations are not likely to yield resolution of the issues, the**
5 **Commission shall hold a public hearing on the application.**

6 **(6) After the public hearing, the Commission may:**

7 **(a) Confirm the Director’s decision and authorize issuance of a final order;**

8 **(b) Modify the Director’s decision and authorize issuance of a final order consistent with**
9 **the modifications; or**

10 **(c) Remand the application to the Department to seek resolution of the issues identified in**
11 **the comments and, if the issues are not resolved, to initiate a contested case proceeding**
12 **pursuant to the applicable provisions of ORS 183.310 to 183.550.**

13 **690-380-2300**

14 **Changes in Character of Use**

15 **Water may only be used for the authorized purposes in the water right except as provided**
16 **under ORS 540.510(3) and (8) and ORS 540.520(8) and (9) or as approved by the**
17 **Department through a water right transfer or pursuant to OAR 690-380-2340.**

18 **690-380-2320**

19 **Transfer from Supplemental Use to Primary Use**

20 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0030)**

21 A transfer application for a change in use from supplemental use to primary use may be
22 submitted. A transfer will be allowed only to the extent the applicant can establish the quantity of
23 water historically used under the supplemental **water** right. A right cannot be enlarged through
24 this process. The primary **water** right shall be canceled before or at the same time as the issuance
25 of the transfer order changing the supplemental use to primary.

26 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

27 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.530*

28 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

29 **690-380-2330**

30 **Substitution of Supplemental Ground Water Right for Primary Surface Water Right**

31 **(1) As provided in ORS 540.524, the holder of both a primary surface water right**
32 **certificate and a supplemental ground water right certificate or permit may substitute the**
33 **use of the supplemental water right for the primary water right. This rule does not**
34 **authorize a change in place of use, character of use, point of diversion or point of**
35 **appropriation.**

36 **(2) A substitution may not be made under section (1) of this rule if the use of the**
37 **supplemental ground water right results in an enlargement of the primary surface water**
38 **right.**

1 **(3) An application shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department with the**
2 **appropriate fee as established under ORS 536.050. The Department may request additional**
3 **information if necessary to assist with the injury evaluation.**

4 **(4) Upon receiving an application, the Department shall provide notice, accept protests and**
5 **conduct hearings on protests in the manner described in ORS 540.520(5) to (7) and OAR**
6 **690-380-4000 to 690-380-4200.**

7 **(5) The Director shall issue an order approving or denying the substitution. If the proposed**
8 **substitution will result in injury, the Director shall prohibit or condition the use to avoid or**
9 **mitigate the injury. The Director shall issue an order approving or denying the substitution**
10 **within 90 days after the Department receives an application under section (1) of this rule.**

11 **(6) For the purpose of this rule, a substituted primary surface water right shall be treated**
12 **as a supplemental water right and a substituted supplemental ground water right shall be**
13 **treated as a primary water right.**

14 **(7) A completed and approved substitution of a supplemental ground water right for a**
15 **primary surface water right under this rule may be terminated upon a request by the**
16 **water right holder or by an order of the Director if the Director determines that the use of**
17 **the ground water as the primary water right causes injury. Upon termination, the**
18 **substituted primary and supplemental water rights shall revert back to their original**
19 **status.**

20 **690-380-2340**

21 **Specific-to-General Industrial Water Use Change**

22 **A water right transfer is not required for a general industrial use that was not included in a**
23 **water right certificate issued for a specific industrial use if:**

24 **(1) The quantity of water used for the general industrial use is not greater than the rate**
25 **allowed in the original water right and not greater than the quantity of water diverted to**
26 **satisfy the authorized specific use under the original water right;**

27 **(2) The location where the water is to be used for general industrial use was owned by the**
28 **holder of the original water right at the time the water right permit was issued; and**

29 **(3) The person who makes the change in water use provides the following information to**
30 **the Department:**

31 **(a) The name and mailing address of the person using water under the water right;**

32 **(b) The water right certificate number;**

33 **(c) A description of the location of the industrial facility owned by the holder of the original**
34 **water right at the time the water right permit was issued;**

35 **(d) The quantity of water diverted to satisfy the authorized specific use under the original**
36 **water right; and**

37 **(e) A description of the general industrial use to be made of the water after the change.**

1 **690-380-2410**

2 **Municipal Water Rights**

3 (Renumbered from 690-015-0140)

4 (1) Water used under a permit or certificate issued to ~~[by]~~ a municipality, under rights ~~[for~~
5 ~~municipal use under a permit, perfected water right or]~~ conferred by ORS 538.410 to 538.450,
6 or under the registration system set forth in ORS 537.132 may be applied to beneficial use
7 on ~~[used at]:~~

8 **(a)** Any lands acquired by the municipality through annexation, merger, consolidation, or by
9 the formation of a water supply authority~~[-]~~ in accordance with ORS 540.510(3)(a)(A) so long
10 as the rate and duty allowed under the right is not exceeded;

11 **(b)** Subject to the limitations in section (3), lands other than those described in subsection
12 (1)(a) of this rule in accordance with ORS 540.510(3)(a)(B) ~~[A municipality also may use~~
13 ~~water beneficially on any lands]~~ so long as the use continues to be for municipal purposes and
14 the rate and duty allowed under the right is not exceeded; or ~~[and the place and nature of use~~
15 ~~are compatible with local comprehensive plans. Changes in the originally authorized place of~~
16 ~~use pursuant to ORS 540.510 may be made so long as the changes do not cause injury to other~~
17 ~~prior vested rights. The rate of use of water by a municipality shall not exceed that allowed by its~~
18 ~~existing rights.]~~

19 **(c)** Any lands for which the use is authorized by the Department of Environmental Quality
20 or Department of Agriculture under ORS 468B.050 or 468B.053 and for which a reclaimed
21 water registration has been filed under ORS 537.132

22 (2) A municipality may seek authorization to use water for municipal purposes on lands
23 other than those described in section (1) of this rule under a water use subject to transfer
24 by submitting a water right transfer application to change the place of use or character of
25 use under OAR 690-380-3000. ~~[For the purpose of ORS 540.510(3) municipal purposes~~
26 ~~includes municipal use, quasi-municipal use, group domestic, domestic use, and human~~
27 ~~consumption.]~~

28 (3) The Director may order termination of the use of water under subsection (1)(b) of this
29 rule or, in consultation with the municipal water supplier, may impose other restrictions
30 necessary to eliminate interference with or impairment of ~~[any prior vested water right due to~~
31 ~~municipal use of water by a municipal supplier on lands other than those described by its water~~
32 ~~right certificates is cause for the director to restrict the use of water. Municipal use of water may~~
33 ~~be restricted to the lands described by previous water use authorizations if such an action~~
34 ~~eliminates the interference with or impairment of]~~ ~~other~~ ~~[prior vested]~~ prior vested water rights
35 resulting from the use of water under subsection (1)(b) of this rule.

36 (4) As used in this rule, “municipal purposes” includes municipal use, quasi-municipal use,
37 group domestic, domestic use, and human consumption as defined in OAR Chapter 690,
38 Division 300.

39 Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027

40 Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510

41 Hist.: WRD 19-1990, f. & cert. ef. 12-14-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96

1 **690-380-2420**

2 **Notice of Merger, Consolidation or Formation of a Water Authority**
3 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0150)**

4 (1) Municipal water supply entities **that** [~~which~~] merge, consolidate or form a water authority
5 may notify the Department of such action **and request issuance of superseding certificates**
6 **pursuant to sections (2) and (3) of this rule. The notice and request for issuance of**
7 **superseding certificates** [~~Notice shall be given within 90 days of the date such action~~
8 ~~occurred. Notice~~] shall include the following:

9 (a) A listing of the entities in the merger, consolidation or formation of a water authority;

10 (b) A copy of the documents filed with the city, county or state authorities approving such
11 action;

12 (c) A copy of the cooperative agreement, or other evidence, between the **authority** [~~water supply~~
13 ~~entity~~] and the county or other authority granted coordinative functions under ORS chapter 197
14 showing consistency with local comprehensive plans;

15 (d) A listing of the **certificated** water rights by number of all water rights for the usual municipal
16 purposes of all entities involved;

17 (e) A map, meeting the requirements of OAR **690-380-3100** [~~690-015-0070~~], showing the legal
18 boundaries of the water service area and the points of diversion or points of appropriation;

19 (f) The name and address of the **authority** [~~new entity~~] authorized to conduct business; and

20 (g) A written request that new water right certificates be issued to the **authority** [~~new entity~~].

21 (2) After verifying the information submitted in accordance with subsections (1)(a) **to** [~~through~~]
22 (g) of this rule, the Director shall issue superseding certificates confirming the resulting
23 municipal use of water, showing the place of use within the legal description of the service
24 boundaries of the new entity as it was officially formed.

25 (3) After verifying the information submitted in accordance with subsections (1)(a) **to** [~~through~~]
26 (g) of this rule, the Director shall issue certificates to **supercede the** [~~superseded~~] certificates
27 that were issued before a merger, consolidation or formation of a water authority. Superseding
28 certificates describing the place of use shall be issued to the **authority** [~~new water service entity~~].

29 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

30 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*

31 *Hist.: WRD 19-1990, f. & cert. ef. 12-14-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

32 **690-380-2430**

33 **Acquisition of Water Rights by a Water Authority**
34 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0130)**

35 (1) **In addition to using the process described in OAR 690-380-2420**, a water authority may
36 acquire [~~perfected~~] water rights from a municipality, a domestic water supply district, an
37 irrigation district, a drainage district, a water improvement district, or a water control district. [~~A~~
38 ~~water authority shall acquire all water rights according to the provisions of OAR Chapter 690,~~
39 ~~Division 15.~~]

- 1 (2) [*When*] A water authority **that** acquires a [*perfected*] water right **may** [*that was originally*
2 *issued for municipal use, the authority may request the director issue the authority a superseding*
3 *certificate of water right for the amount required. The request shall be in writing and include the*
4 *following information*]:
- 5 (a) **Exercise the right subject to the limitations in section (4) of this rule if the right is for**
6 **municipal purposes** [*The name and address of the water authority*];
- 7 (b) **Submit a request for issuance of a superceding certificate that includes the information**
8 **described in section (3) of this rule if the right is a certificated right for municipal use** [*The*
9 *certificate number of the perfected municipal water right acquired*];
- 10 (c) **Submit a water right transfer application to change the character of use if the right is**
11 **subject to transfer** [*The quantity of water acquired per certificate*]; **or** [*and*]
- 12 (d) **Submit a water right transfer application to change the point of diversion or point of**
13 **appropriation if the right is a permit or a right subject to transfer** [*A map containing*
14 *sufficient detail and scale to determine the legal boundaries of the water authority service area*].
- 15 **(3) A request for issuance of a superceding certificate submitted pursuant to subsection**
16 **(2)(b) of this rule shall be in writing and include:**
- 17 **(a) The name and address of the water authority;**
- 18 **(b) The certificate number of the water right acquired by the water authority; and**
- 19 **(c) A map, meeting the requirements of OAR 690-380-3100, showing the legal boundaries**
20 **of the water service area and the existing points of diversion or points of appropriation for**
21 **the right.**
- 22 **(4) The Director may restrict the use of water by a water authority to the lands described**
23 **by previous water use authorizations or, in consultation with the water authority, may**
24 **impose other restrictions on the use as needed to eliminate the interference with or**
25 **impairment of ~~other~~ prior vested water rights.**
- 26 **(5) As used in this rule, “municipal purposes” includes municipal use, quasi-municipal use,**
27 **group domestic, domestic use, and human consumption as defined in OAR Chapter 690,**
28 **Division 300.**
- 29 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
30 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*
31 *Hist.: WRD 19-1990, f. & cert. ef. 12-14-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

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Transfer Applications

2 **690-380-3000**

3 **Application for Transfer**

4 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0060)**

5 Each transfer application shall be prepared in ink or typewritten on forms provided by the
6 Department. Applications shall contain the following information concerning the primary water
7 right and any appurtenant supplemental water right or permit, if applicable:

8 (1) Applicant's name, mailing address, and telephone number.

9 (2) Type of change proposed.

10 (3) Name appearing on permit, certificate, decree or proof of appropriation.

11 (4) Name of decree and certificate number, if applicable.

12 (5) Permit number and certificate number, if applicable.

13 (6) Source of water (from permit, decree or certificate).

14 (7) Date of priority.

15 (8) The existing and proposed points of diversion or points of appropriation located accurately in
16 reference to a public land survey corner.

17 (9) The authorized existing use of water.

18 (10) A ~~general~~ description of the current water delivery system **that demonstrates that the**
19 **applicant is ready, willing, and able to exercise the right and includes information on the**
20 **capacity of any pumps, canals, and pipelines used to divert and convey the water to the**
21 **authorized use**~~[, including capacity].~~

22 (11) The authorized place of use identified by its location within the public land survey and tax
23 lot number.

24 (12) Evidence that the water has been used over the past five years in accordance with the terms
25 and conditions of the **right or that the right is not subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610**
26 ~~[certificate]~~. The evidence **shall include the following information** ~~[may include but not be~~
27 ~~limited to]~~:

28 (a) **If the right has been used during the past five years, one or more** affidavits from
29 ~~[knowledgeable]~~ persons, such as the owner or operator, a neighbor, crop field person for a
30 cannery or other product buyer, **or** Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
31 representatives, ~~[ete.;~~ **who can attest from personal knowledge or professional expertise**
32 **that the right was exercised at the authorized location and for the authorized purpose .**
33 **Such affidavits shall state the specific grounds for the affiant's knowledge, the specific use**
34 **to which the water was put (e.g., the crops grown, the nursery stock watered), and the**
35 **delivery system used to apply the water and include supporting documentation such as:**

36 **(A)** ~~(b)~~ **Copies of** receipts from sales of irrigated crops or for expenditures relating to use of
37 water;~~and]~~

- 1 **(B)** [~~Other~~] Records such as **Farm Service Agency crop reports, irrigation district**
2 **records, an** NRCS farm management plan, [~~dated photographs,~~] or [~~water district~~] records **of**
3 **other water suppliers; or**
- 4 **(C) Dated aerial photographs of the lands or other photographs containing sufficient detail**
5 **to establish the location and date of the photograph, or**
- 6 **(b) If the right has not been used during the past five years, documentation that the**
7 **presumption of forfeiture would be rebutted under ORS 540.610(2).**
- 8 (13) **A lot book report for the land to which the water right is appurtenant prepared by a**
9 **title company.** [~~Name of deeded owner of the land to which the water right is appurtenant. A~~
10 ~~copy of the recorded deed to the subject lands shall accompany the application.~~] If the applicant
11 is not the **land** [~~deeded~~] owner **as shown by the lot book report**, the applicant shall provide a
12 notarized and signed statement from the **land** [~~deeded~~] owner authorizing the change.
13 **Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, any public agency that is acquiring property**
14 **by condemnation and that has filed a condemnation case to acquire the property and**
15 **deposited the funds in court required by ORS 35.265 to obtain the right to possess the**
16 **property is a proper applicant with standing to seek transfer of any water right**
17 **appurtenant to the property. Such a public agency need not obtain the consent or**
18 **authorization for the change from any other person or entity.**
- 19 (14) **If any lien holders are identified in the lot book report described in section (13) of this**
20 **rule, a copy of a written notification of the proposed transfer provided by the applicant to**
21 **each of the lien holders** [~~If encumbrances exist against the property to which the existing right~~
22 ~~is appurtenant, the application shall be accompanied by a signed statement from the holder of~~
23 ~~the encumbrance that there is no objection to the proposed change].~~
- 24 (15) The proposed use of water.
- 25 (16) The proposed place of use shall be identified by its location within the public land survey
26 and tax lot number. The name and address of each receiving owner(s), by parcel.
- 27 (17) Reason for the proposed change.
- 28 (18) Map as required in OAR **690-380-3100** [~~690-015-0070~~] **with an original stamp and**
29 **signature of the certified water rights examiner or a waiver of mapping requirements**
30 **approved pursuant to OAR 690-380-3410.**
- 31 (19) Land use information as outlined in the Department's Land Use Planning Procedures Guide
32 except for those transfers:
- 33 (a) Where existing and proposed water uses would be located entirely within lands zoned for
34 exclusive farm use as provided in ORS 215.203 or within irrigation districts;
- 35 (b) **That** [~~Which~~] involve changes in place of use only;
- 36 (c) **That** [~~Which~~] do not involve the placement or modification of structures including but not
37 limited to water diversion, impoundment, or distribution facilities, water wells, and well houses;
38 and
- 39 (d) **That** [~~Which~~] involve irrigation water uses only.

1 (20) If the request is for a change in point of diversion to a well, or a change in point of
2 appropriation, copies of water well reports for the authorized and proposed point of
3 appropriation. If water well reports are not available, a description of the construction of each
4 well, including but not limited to, well depth, static water level, casing size, and any other
5 necessary information to establish the groundwater body developed or proposed to be developed.

6 (21) A listing of **the names and mailing addresses of:**

7 **(a) All affected local governments, including but not limited to, county, city, municipal**
8 **corporations, and tribal governments; and**

9 **(b) Any district in which the affected water right is located or that serves the right and any**
10 **district in which the affected water right would be located or that would serve the right**
11 **after the proposed transfer.**

12 (22) An oath that the information contained in the application is true and accurate.

13 **(23) If a portion of the fee is waived pursuant to OAR 690-380-3400, documentation**
14 **showing that the proposed transfer qualifies for the fee waiver.**

15 **(24)** The signature of the applicant, and if an entity, the title of the person signing the form.

16 **(25) [~~24~~]** The appropriate fee as required under ORS 536.050, **less any portion waived**
17 **pursuant to OAR 690-380-3400.**

18 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

19 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 to ORS 540.531*

20 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 10-1988, f. & cert. ef. 8-10-88; WRD 12-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-8-90;*

21 *WRD 16-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96; WRD 1-2000(Temp), f. 5-16-00, cert. ef.*

22 *5-16-00 thru 11-10-00; Administrative correction 6-21-01*

23 **690-380-3050**

24 **Additional Application Requirements**

25 **(1) For the purpose of clarifying the water right record, the Department shall require the**
26 **applicant to provide the additional information in section (2) of this rule if:**

27 **(a) The proposed transfer involves rights for lands under more than one ownership and not**
28 **all of the owners are applicants; or**

29 **(b) The final proof survey maps on file with the Department for any quarter-quarter**
30 **section in which lands involved in the proposed transfer are located do not adequately**
31 **describe the location of the place of use or the associated priority dates of the associated**
32 **water rights.**

33 **(2) The supplemental information to be provided by the applicant shall include:**

34 **(a) A list of the name and address of each landowner whose lands the Department**
35 **concludes may be included in the portion of the water right proposed for transfer and**
36 **written proof of service of a copy of the application on those landowners and a map**
37 **delineating the location, acreage, priority dates, and ownership of the subject water right;**
38 **and**

1 **(b) Other information sufficient to establish that no portion of the right to be transferred is**
2 **held by persons other than those proposing the transfer and, for rights with multiple**
3 **priority dates, the priority dates for the right to be transferred are consistent with the**
4 **decree or other document establishing the right.**

5 **690-380-3100**

6 **Map Requirements**

7 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0070)**

8 (1) A map prepared by a certified water right examiner shall be included with a transfer
9 application as required under OAR **690-380-3000** [~~690-015-0060~~]. The map shall meet the
10 following criteria:

11 (a) The map shall be **of permanent quality and shall be printed with** [~~drawn in~~] dark ink **on a**
12 **white or clear medium that is** [~~with sufficient clarity so as to be~~] easily reproduced **on a**
13 **standard copy machine. Color copies that cannot be easily interpreted when copied to**
14 **black and white will not be accepted.**

15 (b) **The preferred map size is 8 ½" x 11" (letter) at the scale of the final proof or**
16 **adjudication map for the existing right of record, with supplemental detail maps as needed.**
17 **If a larger map is required to provide sufficient detail, a size of 8 ½" x 14" (legal) or 11" x**
18 **17" (oversized) may be used.** [~~An application map larger than 11 inches by 17 inches shall be~~
19 ~~drawn on tracing linen, tracing vellum, or mylar.~~]

20 (c) **Notwithstanding subsection (1)(b) of this rule, a map size of up to 30" x 30" may be**
21 **used if the Department grants advance written or e-mail approval and five copies of the**
22 **application map are submitted.**

23 (d) The map **scale** shall be: [~~drawn to a standard, even scale of not less than 4 inches equals one~~
24 ~~mile. A small area map may be drawn to a larger scale, such as one inch equals 400 feet.~~]

25 **(A) 1" = 400';**

26 **(B) 1" = 1,320';**

27 **(C) The scale of the final proof or adjudication map for the existing right of record;**

28 **(D) The scale of the county assessor map if the scale is not smaller than 1" = 1,320'; or**

29 **(E) Another standard engineering scale if the Department grants advance written or e-mail**
30 **approval of the use of the scale.**

31 (e) [~~d~~] **Horizontal** field [~~measurement~~] accuracy **shall be consistent with standard surveying**
32 **practices** [~~is required to within 10 feet~~] for the purpose of locating and quantifying water rights.

33 (f) [~~e~~] The map shall be plotted to the accuracy consistent with the map scale.

34 (g) **The locations of points of diversion and places of use shall be described by bearing or**
35 **coordinates (distance north or south and east or west) from a recognized survey corner or**
36 **by latitude-longitude coordinates. Latitude-longitude coordinates shall be expressed as**
37 **either:**

- 1 **(A) Degrees-minutes-seconds with at least one digit after the decimal in the seconds portion**
2 **(e.g., 42° 32' 15.5")**; or
- 3 **(B) Degrees-decimal with five or more digits after the decimal (e.g., 42.53764°)**.
- 4 (2) The map(s) shall include the following information:
- 5 (a) **A north arrow, the scale, a clear legend, the certified water rights examiner's stamp and**
6 **signature**;
- 7 (b) The location of each existing and proposed point of diversion or point of appropriation [*-The*
8 *location shall be further described by distance and bearing or coordinates (distance north or*
9 *south and east or west) from a recognized survey corner*];
- 10 **(c) For a change in point of diversion or appropriation that does not also include a change**
11 **in place of use, identification of the lands to be served by the proposed point of diversion or**
12 **appropriation. If the proposed point of diversion or appropriation is intended to serve the**
13 **entire right of record, a copy of the existing final proof survey map for the right of record**
14 **may be submitted to satisfy this requirement. If the proposed point of diversion or**
15 **appropriation is not intended to serve the entire right of record, the specific lands to be**
16 **served shall be identified and the number of certificated acres to be served by the new point**
17 **of diversion or appropriation shall be listed**;
- 18 (d) [~~(b)~~] **For a change in place of use or character of use**, the location of the authorized and
19 proposed place of use of the water. If the application is for irrigation, nursery use, cranberry use,
20 or other similar uses, the place of use indicated on the map shall be shaded or **hachured**
21 [~~hatched~~] and shall show the number of acres in each quarter-quarter section, government lot, or
22 quarter-quarter section as projected within government lots, donation land claims, or other
23 recognized public land survey subdivisions;
- 24 (e) [~~(e)~~] The location of any part of the right not involved in the proposed transfer. For transfers
25 involving less than 67 **percent** [%] of the entire place of use of the right, the map shall include at
26 least the location of the portions of the right not involved in the proposed transfer which are
27 included in the same quarter-quarter sections as the proposed transfer. The applicant shall have
28 the burden of proving the proposed transfer involves less than 67 **percent** [%] of the entire place
29 of use of the water use subject to transfer. However, the Department may require a greater
30 portion of the use subject to transfer or the entire use subject to transfer be mapped, if necessary
31 to make a determination of potential injury;
- 32 (f) [~~(d)~~] The location of township, section, quarter-quarter section, donation land claim, and other
33 recognized public land survey lines;
- 34 (g) [~~(e)~~] Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (1)(f)[~~(d)~~], the general location of main
35 canals, ditches, flumes, pipelines, pumps, or other water delivery features;
- 36 (h) [~~(f)~~] Notwithstanding the requirements of subsection (1)(f)[~~(d)~~], the general location of
37 physical features sufficient to assist in defining the location of the place of use of the water use
38 subject to transfer. These features may include, but are not limited to, rivers, creeks, lakes,
39 reservoirs, ponds, roads, railroads, fences, and direction of flow, if appropriate; and

1 **(i)** ~~(g)~~ The location of property lines for the property involved in the transfer, in the vicinity of
2 the transfer. For transfer of municipal, quasi-municipal, and other similar rights, the property
3 lines need not be shown, however, the service area boundaries shall be indicated.

4 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

5 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.532*

6 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 3-1988, f. 2-26-88, cert. ef. 2-28-88; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

7 **690-380-3200**

8 **District May Submit Application for Water Users**

9 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0020)**

10 (1) A district, authorized to act on behalf of its members, may apply for a water right transfer
11 under the provisions of ORS 540.520. If the proposed change is for other than a change in point
12 of diversion, the application shall contain a notarized statement from the owner of the right
13 authorizing the proposed change.

14 (2) An application for a change in the place of use of water rights managed by a district may be
15 made pursuant to OAR Chapter 690, Division 21.

16 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

17 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.520*

18 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

19 **690-380-3220**

20 **Separate Application Required for Each Water Right**

21 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0025)**

22 For changes involving more than one landowner or water use subject to transfer, a separate
23 transfer application is required for each water use subject to transfer from each landowner
24 involved, except under the following circumstances:

25 (1) A change in point or points of diversion or points of appropriation to a new common point of
26 diversion or appropriation for a delivery system serving multiple rights or multiple ownerships.

27 (2) A change in use or place of use of all rights on a single parcel from all sources.

28 (3) A change in use or place of use from as many as four land owners may be allowed within a
29 district. Such a change must be for the same water right and not total more than 10 acres
30 transferred.

31 (4) Transfers between two parcels using water from the same source.

32 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

33 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.520*

34 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 10-1988, f. & cert. ef. 8-10-89; WRD 16-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90,*
35 *Renumbered from 690-015-0035; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

1 **690-380-3400**

2 **Waiver of Fees**

3 **The Director shall waive \$100 of the application fee for a change to a water right permit**
4 **under ORS 537.211 (4) or a water right subject to transfer under ORS 540.520 or 540.523,**
5 **if the change is:**

6 **(1) To establish an instream water right pursuant to ORS 537.348;**

7 **(2) Necessary to complete a project funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board**
8 **under ORS 541.375; or**

9 **(3) Approved in writing by ODFW as a change that will result in a net benefit to fish and**
10 **wildlife habitat.**

11 **690-380-3410**

12 **Waiver of Mapping Requirements**

13 **(1) The Director may waive or assist the applicant in satisfying the requirements of OAR**
14 **690-380-3100 for a change to a water right subject to transfer under ORS 540.520 or**
15 **540.523, if the change is:**

16 **(a) To establish an instream water right pursuant to ORS 537.348;**

17 **(b) Necessary to complete a project funded by the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board**
18 **under ORS 541.375; or**

19 **(c) Approved in writing by ODFW as a change that will result in a net benefit to fish and**
20 **wildlife habitat.**

21 **(2) A request to waive or assist the applicant in satisfying the mapping requirements of**
22 **OAR 690-380-3100 shall be submitted on a form provided by the Department. The form**
23 **must be completed by the applicant and signed by the appropriate field staff prior to**
24 **submittal of the transfer application.**

25 **(3) A waiver of mapping requirements under this rule shall only be approved if:**

26 **(a) The transfer would establish an instream water right as described in subsection (1)(a) of**
27 **this rule:**

28 **(A) If the entirety of the right is being transferred to an instream water right and the**
29 **location of the instream water right can be clearly delineated through reference to the**
30 **existing point of diversion for the transferred right and other points of diversion or**
31 **geographic reference points such as the mouth of the stream; or**

32 **(B) A map meeting the requirements of OAR 690-380-3100 is available showing the lands**
33 **not included in the transfer and the location of the instream water right can be clearly**
34 **delineated through reference to the existing point of diversion for the transferred right and**
35 **other points of diversion or geographic reference points such as the mouth of the stream.**

36 **(b) At the determination of the Director, other circumstances are present that make an**
37 **application map unnecessary.**

1 **(4) The assistance provided by the Department may include, but need not be limited to,**
2 **development of an application map.**

3 **Application Notice and Review**

4 **690-380-4000**
5 **Request for Comments**

6 **(1) On receipt of an application for transfer, the Department shall review the application to**
7 **determine if the applicant has included the information required by OAR 690-380-3000**
8 **and if the water rights proposed for transfer are water uses subject to transfer as defined in**
9 **ORS 540.505(4) and OAR 690-380-0100(11).**

10 **(2) If the Department determines that the application does not include the required**
11 **information or that the water rights proposed for transfer are not subject to transfer, the**
12 **Department shall return the application and any fees to the applicant along with a written**
13 **description of the deficiencies in the application.**

14 **(3) If the Department determines the application is complete and the water rights proposed**
15 **for transfer are uses subject to transfer, the Department shall file the application and**
16 **request public comments on the application:**

17 **(a) In the weekly notice published by the Department; and**

18 **(b) By mail to each affected local government and irrigation district identified by the**
19 **applicant pursuant to OAR 690-380-3000(21).**

20 **(4) The request for comments shall provide a period of at least 30 days for interested**
21 **persons to comment on the application.**

22 **690-380-4010**
23 **Preliminary Determination**

24 **(1) After the conclusion of the public comment period described in OAR 690-380-4000(4),**
25 **the Department shall prepare a preliminary determination of whether the application**
26 **should be approved or rejected taking into account comments received in response to the**
27 **notice provided under OAR 690-380-4000 and the considerations described in section (2) of**
28 **this rule.**

29 **(2) The Department's preliminary determination shall include an assessment of whether:**

30 **(a) The right has been used over the past five years according to the terms and conditions**
31 **of the right and that the right is not subject to forfeiture under ORS 540.610;**

32 **(b) The water user is ready, willing and able to use the full amount of water allowed under**
33 **the right;**

34 **(c) The proposed transfer would result in enlargement;**

35 **(d) The proposed transfer would result in injury; and**

- 1 **(e) Any other requirements for water right transfers are met.**
2 **(3) For a preliminary determination that indicates that an application should be rejected,**
3 **the preliminary determination shall:**
4 **(a) Describe the basis for the rejection; and**
5 **(b) Identify any conditions or restrictions that, if included in the transfer, would allow**
6 **approval of the transfer.**
7 **(4) The Department shall provide a copy of the draft preliminary determination to the**
8 **applicant and provide the applicant a period of at least 30 days to amend the application to**
9 **address any issues identified by the Department in the preliminary determination,**
10 **including the quantity of water to be transferred, or to withdraw the application.**
11 **(5) The draft preliminary determination shall constitute the notification of the**
12 **Department's intent to cancel a supplemental right required under OAR 690-380-2250.**
13 **(6) If the applicant amends the application or provides additional information in support of**
14 **approval of the application, the Department shall revise the preliminary determination as**
15 **appropriate.**

16 **690-380-4020**

17 **Notice of Preliminary Determination**
18 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0080)**

- 19 **(1) After the time for the applicant to respond to the Department's draft preliminary**
20 **determination** [*Except as provided in section (4) of this rule*], the Department shall give notice
21 of **the** [*all*] transfer **application and preliminary determination** [*applications*]:
22 **(a) By publication in the Department's weekly notice** [*and*];
23 **(b) Except as provided in section (4) of this rule, by publication** in a newspaper having a
24 general circulation in the area in which the water uses subject to transfer are located for a period
25 of at least three weeks and not less than one publication each week; **and**
26 **(c) By mailing notice to each person who submitted comments under OAR 690-380-4000(3).**
27 (2) The notice **shall** [*may*] include the following information about the application:
28 (a) The type of transfer proposed **and any amendments to the application that were made**
29 **subsequent to the notice required OAR 690-380-4000;**
30 (b) The **locations of the applicant's existing and proposed** [*county of*] water **uses, the amount**
31 **of water allowed under the right to be transferred, and the authorized source for the right**
32 [*use*];
33 (c) The application file number;
34 (d) The applicant's name and address;
35 (e) A statement that any person may file, jointly or severally, with the Department a protest **or**
36 **standing statement** ~~against the approval of the application~~ **within 30 days after the date of**
37 **final publication of the notices prescribed by subsections (1)(a) and (1)(b) of this rule,**

1 **whichever is later** [*on the basis of an injury to an existing water right and the date by which a*
2 *protest must be filed*];

3 **(f) A summary of the Department’s preliminary determination;** and

4 **(g)** [~~(f)~~] For a notice published in a newspaper, the date on which the last publication will occur.

5 (3) As provided in ORS 540.520(4), the cost of publication in a newspaper shall be paid by the
6 applicant [*in advance to the department*]. **At the discretion of the Director,** the applicant may
7 satisfy this requirement by arranging for the publication of the notice prepared by the
8 Department in a newspaper **that meets the criteria in** [*subject to the requirements of*] subsection
9 (1)**(b)** and providing the Department with an affidavit of publication **or by paying the costs of**
10 **the publication in advance to the Department.**

11 (4) No notice by publication in a newspaper is required for:

12 (a) A change in place of use;

13 (b) A change in point of diversion to reflect historical use pursuant to ORS 540.532 and OAR
14 **690-380-2120** [~~690-015-0240~~]; or

15 (c) Applications for a change in the point of diversion of less than one-fourth mile and where
16 there are no intervening diversions between the old point of diversion of the applicant and the
17 proposed new point of diversion.

18 (5) The Department shall not **take action on** [*approve*] an application prior to **the end of the**
19 **protest period described in this rule** [*30 days after publication in the department’s weekly*
20 *notice or prior to 30 days after the last date of publication in the newspaper, whichever is later*].

21 [~~(6) The department shall mail notice of all transfer applications to the planning departments of~~
22 ~~affected local governments. The director may presume that the transfer would be allowed by, and~~
23 ~~compatible with comprehensive plans unless informed otherwise within 30 days after the date~~
24 ~~shown on the notice.~~]

25 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

26 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.520 & ORS 540.532*

27 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 12-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-8-90; WRD 5-1991, f. & cert. ef. 4-26-91; WRD*
28 *5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

29 **690-380-4030**

30 **Protests and Requests for Hearings**

31 (Renumbered from 690-015-0085)

32 (1) **Within 30 days after the date of last publication of the newspaper notice or the mailing**
33 **of the Department’s weekly notice, whichever is later:**

34 **(a)** Any person may file, jointly or severally, with the Department, a protest **or standing**
35 **statement** against the approval of a transfer application **or of the Department’s preliminary**
36 **determination on the transfer application** [*on the ground that the transfer will result in*
37 *injury*]; ~~or and~~

1 **(b) If the Department’s preliminary determination is that a proposed change in point of**
2 **diversion would result in injury, the applicant may file a notification of intent to pursue**
3 **approval of the transfer under OAR 690-380-5030 to 690-380-5050.**

4 [~~(2) Protests shall be filed within 30 days after the last publication of the newspaper notice or~~
5 ~~the mailing of the department’s weekly notice, whichever is later.~~]

6 **(2)** [~~(3)~~] Protests shall be filed in accordance with OAR Chapter 690, Division 2, and shall
7 include the fee required under ORS 536.050[~~(1)~~].

8 **(3) Each person submitting a protest shall raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and**
9 **submit all reasonably available arguments supporting the person’s position by the close of**
10 **the protest period. Failure to raise a reasonably ascertainable issue in a protest or failure to**
11 **provide sufficient specificity to afford the Department an opportunity to respond to the**
12 **issue precludes consideration of the issue during the hearing.**

13 [~~(4) Whenever a timely protest is filed, or in the opinion of the director a hearing is necessary to~~
14 ~~determine whether the proposed changes as described by the application would result in injury~~
15 ~~to existing water rights, the department shall hold a hearing on the matter.~~

16 [~~(5) Notice and conduct of the hearing shall be under the provisions of ORS 183.310 to 183.550,~~
17 ~~pertaining to contested cases, and the hearing shall be held in the area where the rights are~~
18 ~~located unless all parties and persons who filed a protest stipulate otherwise.]~~

19 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

20 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 183.310 - ORS 183.550, ORS 536.050 & ORS 540.530*

21 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

22 **690-380-4200**

23 **Hearings**

24 **(1) If a protest is filed under OAR 690-380-4030, the Department shall hold a hearing on**
25 **the matter.**

26 **(2) Notice and conduct of the hearing shall:**

27 **(a) Be under the applicable provisions of ORS 183.310 to 183.550, pertaining to contested**
28 **cases, and the hearing shall be held in the area where the rights are located unless all**
29 **parties and persons who filed a protest stipulate otherwise; and**

30 **(b) If a protest has asserted that the water right to be transferred has been forfeited**
31 **through non-use, include the notice and procedures described in OAR 690-017-0500 to 690-**
32 **017-0900.**

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Final Orders

2 **690-380-5000**

3 **Approval of Transfers**

4 (Renumbered from 690-015-0050)

5 (1) A transfer application shall ~~[not]~~ be approved if the **Department determines that** ~~[proposed~~
6 ~~transfer would result in the injury of an existing water right. Injury shall include the following]:~~

7 **(a) The water right affected by the proposed transfer is a water use subject to transfer as**
8 **defined in ORS 540.505(4) and OAR 690-380-0100(11) and, for a right described under**
9 **OAR 690-380-0100(11)(d), the proof of completion has been approved under OAR 690-380-**
10 **6040** ~~[A transfer would result in a net loss of water available to downstream water rights];~~ ~~[or]~~

11 **(b) The portion of the water right to be transferred is not cancelled pursuant to ORS**
12 **540.610;**

13 **(c) The proposed transfer would not result in enlargement as defined in OAR 690-380-**
14 **0100(2)** ~~[The water right to be transferred would be enlarged.];~~

15 **(d) Except as provided in OAR 690-380-5030, the proposed transfer would not result in**
16 **injury as defined in OAR 690-380-0100(3); and**

17 **(e) Any other requirements for water right transfers are met.**

18 **(2) The Department shall issue a final order consistent with the preliminary determination**
19 **described in OAR 690-380-4010 if no protests or notifications of intent are received under**
20 **OAR 690-380-4030(1)** ~~[An injury to an existing water right or an enlargement of the water right~~
21 ~~to be transferred shall be determined to result from, but is not limited to, the following:~~

22 ~~(a) A change reducing the quantity of water previously available to another water right and to~~
23 ~~which the other water right is entitled;~~

24 ~~(b) A diversion of more water than is specified as a rate of flow or duty of water per acre for the~~
25 ~~subject water right; or~~

26 ~~(c) Under a change in place of use, the original place of use cannot be prevented from receiving~~
27 ~~water from the same source].~~

28 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

29 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.532*

30 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

31 **690-380-5030**

32 **Approval of Injurious Transfers**

33 **The Department may approve transfer of a point of diversion that would injure another**
34 **water right if:**

35 **(1) For any water right other than an instream water right, the applicant files an affidavit**
36 **from every holder of the injured water rights consenting to the change that conforms to**
37 **OAR 690-380-5040, and**

1 **(2) For any instream water right held by the Department pursuant to ORS 537.336 or**
2 **537.346, the Department consents to the change after complying with the provisions of**
3 **OAR 690-380-5050.**

4 **690-380-5040**
5 **Affidavits of Consent**

6 **An affidavit consenting to a proposed change in point of diversion under OAR 690-380-**
7 **5030(1) shall be notarized and shall include statements that the affiant:**

8 **(1) Is the holder of a water right that the Department has determined would be injured;**

9 **(2) Has reviewed the preliminary determination or proposed order of the Department**
10 **concluding the transfer would result in injury and recognizes the nature of the injury;**

11 **(3) Understands that approval of the proposed transfer may permanently reduce the**
12 **quantity of water available for use under the water right; and**

13 **(4) Consents to the injury resulting from the proposed change in point of diversion.**

14 **690-380-5050**
15 **Consent to Injury of Instream Water Rights**

16 **(1) If the applicant notifies the Department that the applicant intends to pursue consent to**
17 **injury to an instream water right, the Department shall seek a recommendation from the**
18 **agency that requested the instream water right.**

19 **(2) In requesting a recommendation under section (1) of this rule, the Department shall**
20 **provide to the appropriate agency a copy of the preliminary determination issued under**
21 **OAR 690-380-4010 or proposed order issued after hearing and, to facilitate the analysis of**
22 **cumulative impacts, identify any previously approved transfers injuring the same instream**
23 **water right as the proposed transfer.**

24 **(3) If the agency that requested the instream water right recommends that the Department**
25 **consent to injury, the agency's recommendation shall be in writing and include:**

26 **(a) A description of the extent of the injury to the instream water right;**

27 **(b) A description of the effect of the injury on the resource;**

28 **(c) An evaluation of the net benefit that will occur as a result of the proposed change that**
29 **includes an analysis of the cumulative impact of any previously approved changes that**
30 **injured the instream water right; and**

31 **(d) Any proposed conditions necessary to ensure that the proposed change will be**
32 **consistent with the recommendation.**

33 **(4) On receipt of a recommendation to consent to injury that complies with section (3) of**
34 **this rule, the Department shall provide notice of the opportunity to comment on the**
35 **recommendation:**

36 **(a) To the applicant, any protestants or persons who filed comments under OAR 690-380-**
37 **4030, and affected Indian Tribes; and**

1 **(b) By publication in the Department’s weekly notice.**

2 **(5) Within 30 days after the date of the notice required in section (4) of this rule, any**
3 **person may submit written comments on the recommendation or a written request for a**
4 **public meeting to review the recommendation.**

5 **(6) The Department shall provide copies of any comments submitted in response to the**
6 **notice in section (4) of this rule to the recommending agency.**

7 **(7) Within 90 days of receipt of a written request for a meeting on the recommendation, the**
8 **Department and the agency providing the recommendation shall hold a joint public**
9 **meeting to review the recommendation and to accept public comments.**

10 **(8) If no comments or requests are received by the Department in response to the notice**
11 **provided under section (4) of this rule or if, after consideration of any written comments or**
12 **the discussions during the meeting described in section (6) of this rule, the recommending**
13 **agency notifies the Department that it will not withdraw its recommendation to consent to**
14 **injury, the Department shall issue an order approving the transfer and consenting to the**
15 **injury to the instream water right. The order shall include:**

16 **(a) Findings on the extent of the injury to the instream water right and the effect on the**
17 **resource;**

18 **(b) Findings on the net benefit that will occur as a result of the change that reflect an**
19 **analysis of the cumulative impact of any previously approved changes that injured the**
20 **instream water right; and**

21 **(c) Any conditions necessary to ensure that the change will be consistent with the findings**
22 **and will result in a continued net benefit to the resource consistent with the purposes of the**
23 **instream water right.**

24 **690-380-5060**

25 **Fish Screening and By-Pass Devices**

26 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0073)**

27 (1) Pursuant to ORS 540.525, when an application for a change in point of diversion is received,
28 the Department shall consult with the ODFW to determine whether a fish screening or by-pass
29 device is necessary to prevent fish from leaving the body of water and entering the diversion.

30 (2) The Department’s consultation with ODFW shall determine whether the diversion is:

31 (a) Equipped with an appropriate fish screen or by-pass device; or

32 (b) Included in the list of priority screening projects established under section 8, chapter 933,
33 Oregon Laws 1989.

34 (3) If the original point of diversion is included in the priority list referenced in **subsection** (2)(b)
35 of this **rule** [~~section~~], the Department, after consulting with ODFW, may require the installation
36 of an appropriate fish screening or by-pass device at the new point of diversion.

37 (4) If requested by ODFW, a condition requiring a proper fish screen at the new point of
38 diversion shall be attached to any transfer approval order for a change in point of diversion.

1 (5) Any individual required to install a fish screening or by-pass device under this section at a
2 point of diversion for a diversion of under 30 cubic feet per second may participate in ODFW's
3 cost sharing program for the installation of screening and by-pass devices.

4 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
5 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.525 & ORS 540.532*
6 *Hist.: WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

7 **690-380-5100**
8 **Compatibility with Acknowledged Comprehensive Plans**
9 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0057)**

10 (1) The Department and Commission shall meet requirements established in OAR 690-005-0045
11 (Standards for Goal Compliance and Compatibility with Acknowledged Comprehensive Plans)
12 in evaluating and taking action on transfer applications except as specified in OAR 690-005-
13 0025 and **690-380-3000(19)** [~~690-015-0060(18)~~].

14 (2) In the event of a land use dispute, as defined in OAR 690-005-0015 (Definitions), the
15 Department shall follow procedures provided in OAR 690-005-0040 (Resolution of Land Use
16 Dispute).

17 **(3) The Director may presume that the transfer would be allowed by, and compatible with**
18 **comprehensive plans unless an affected local government informs the Director otherwise**
19 **within 30 days after the date shown on the notice issued pursuant to OAR 690-380-4000.**

20 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 197, ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
21 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 to ORS 540.531*
22 *Hist.: WRD 12-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-8-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

23 **Miscellaneous Provisions**

24 **690-380-5110**
25 **Original Right Terminated**
26 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0040)**

27 Approval of a change in use or place of use terminates the right to use water for the existing use
28 or place of use under the original water right as described in the transfer application form
29 required under OAR **690-380-3000** [~~690-015-0060~~].

30 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
31 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.532*
32 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

33 **690-380-5120**
34 **Multiple Primary Water Rights on the Same Lands**
35 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0045)**

36 If the water right records show two or more rights as primary on the same land, the right with the
37 oldest priority date shall be considered the primary **water** right unless the applicant designates a

1 right, other than the right with the oldest priority date, as the primary **water** right. All other
2 **water** rights shall be diminished to supplemental **water** rights.

3 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

4 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.510 - ORS 540.532*

5 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 16-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

6 **690-380-5130**

7 **Assignment or Change of Ownership**

8 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0075)**

9 (1) When a change of ownership or interest occurs in lands described by a transfer application or
10 by an order approving a transfer, the record holder may request the director to record an
11 assignment to the new owner.

12 (2) If the record holder is not available, the new owner may furnish proof of ownership to change
13 the Department's records for that transfer. The Department shall also record a change in
14 ownership to an heir or devisee under a will upon receiving proof of death of the record holder,
15 or to a trustee upon receiving proof of a transfer to trust by the record holder. Proof of ownership
16 of the involved lands shall include but not be limited to one or more of the following documents:

17 (a) A deed to the land;

18 (b) A land sales contract;

19 (c) Documentation of survivorship of property held jointly; or

20 (d) A court order or decree.

21 (3) The person making the assignment shall identify the current owner of all property involved in
22 the transfer at the time of assignment. The person making the assignment shall furnish proof that
23 notice of the assignment has been given or attempted for each identified owner not party to the
24 assignment.

25 (4) When approval of a transfer for a change in place of use moves the water use subject to
26 transfer to lands owned by another owner, the order shall contain the name and address of the
27 receiving landowner and the Department's records shall be changed to show the receiving
28 landowner as the transfer holder. It shall be the responsibility of the receiving landowner to
29 complete the transfer.

30 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

31 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*

32 *Hist.: WRD 6-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

33 **690-380-5140**

34 **Time for Completion**

35 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0087)**

36 (1) The Department shall fix a time limit in the order authorizing a change of use, place of use or
37 point of diversion within which the approved changes may be completed.

1 (2) Extensions of time to complete a transfer may be granted pursuant to OAR 690-380-6020
2 [~~690-015-0100~~].

3 (3) The time allowed by the Department for completion of an authorized change shall not be
4 used when computing a five-year period of non-use under the provisions of ORS 540.610(1).
5 The time for completion of the change requested in a transfer application is one full year plus the
6 time until the next October 1. The time for completion of the change of a municipal or quasi-
7 municipal right is five years plus the time until the next October 1. A longer time for completion
8 may be allowed if the applicant can justify the need for a longer period of time.

9 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
10 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*
11 *Hist.: WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

12 **Perfection of Transferred Rights**

13 **690-380-6010**

14 **Failure to Complete a Transfer as Grounds for Cancellation** 15 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0090)**

16 (1) Upon approval of a change in use or place of use, the water use subject to transfer **is**
17 **considered** [~~becomes~~] inchoate (incomplete) until the authorized change has been completed to
18 the satisfaction of the director.

19 (2) Any part of a transferred water use that is not applied to beneficial use under the terms of the
20 transfer order for change in use or place of use, or within any extension of time allowed for
21 completion, is lost.

22 (3) Non-completion of a change in point of diversion or point of appropriation does not forfeit
23 the water use subject to transfer. However, upon expiration of the time allowed for completion,
24 the water use shall again become subject to forfeiture pursuant to the provisions of ORS
25 540.610.[-]

26 **(4) For a change in point of diversion or point of appropriation, the claim of beneficial use**
27 **shall identify the lands served by the new point of diversion using:**

28 **(a) The existing final proof survey map for the right of record; or**

29 **(b) Another map prepared in accordance with OAR Chapter 690, Division 14.**

30 **(5)** [~~(a)~~] A new application is required to change the point of diversion or point of appropriation
31 to a new location not authorized by the order.

32 **(6)** [~~(b)~~] If the change in point of diversion or point of appropriation is not completed, the point
33 of diversion or point of appropriation shall revert to the last authorized point of diversion or point
34 of appropriation prior to the transfer.

35 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
36 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*
37 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

1 **690-380-6020**

2 **Extension of Time**

3 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0100)**

4 (1) An order authorizing a water right transfer sets a time limit in which to beneficially use the
5 water. If the transfer is not completed within the time limit, the owner may file an application for
6 an extension of time. The application shall contain sufficient information for the director to
7 determine reasonable diligence in the attempt to complete the project within the initial time
8 allowed.

9 (2) If multiple receiving owners are involved, a separate application is required from each
10 receiving owner requesting an extension.

11 (3) Extensions are granted for one year, from October 1 to October 1 of each year. An extension
12 for up to five years may be granted for transfers involving municipal or quasi-municipal use.
13 Extensions may be granted for longer time if the applicant can justify the need for a longer
14 period of time by submission of pertinent evidence.

15 (4) In reviewing an application for an extension of time, the director shall determine whether
16 reasonable diligence was made by the applicant to complete the project within the time period
17 established under OAR 690-380-5140 [~~690-015-0087~~]. Reasonable diligence shall include, but is
18 not limited to:

19 (a) The purchase and installation of water delivery system;

20 (b) The expansion or restructuring of the existing delivery system;

21 (c) Actual use of a portion of the water according to the terms of the transfer order; or

22 (d) For municipal, quasi-municipal and group domestic uses only, the continued increase in
23 population and number of service connections.

24 (5) Applications for succeeding extensions shall show reasonable diligence within the time
25 allowed by the previous extension and shall be subject to the Department review based on
26 section (4) of this rule.

27 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

28 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*

29 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 10-1988, f. & cert. ef. 8-10-88; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

30 **690-380-6030**

31 **Proof Of Use; Noncompliance**

32 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0110)**

33 **(1)** Upon completion of a transfer, the owner of the transfer shall submit a notice of use of water
34 to the Department.

35 **(2)** [~~(1)~~] For transfers requested prior to July 10, 1987, when the notice is received, or at such
36 time given in the order approving the transfer for complete application of water, if the owner has
37 failed to submit such notice, the director may have the subject property inspected and shall issue
38 a certificate of water right confirming the water right to the extent it has been re-established by
39 use under the terms of the order approving the transfer. The owner may either hire a certified

1 water right examiner to prepare the map and report required for his/her claim of Beneficial Use
2 or wait for the Department to conduct a final proof survey on its own schedule.

3 **(3)** [~~(2)~~] Transfers requested on or after July 10, 1987 shall have a Claim of Beneficial Use report
4 and map prepared by a certified water right examiner in accordance with OAR Chapter 690,
5 Division 14.

6 **(4)** [~~(3)~~] If any property described in the order approving the transfer application is not included
7 in the request for a water right certificate, the owners of the transfer shall provide to the
8 Department the name and address of the landowner of that property.

9 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

10 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*

11 *Hist.: WRD 7-1987, f. & ef. 6-11-87; WRD 3-1988, f. 2-26-88, cert. ef. 2-28-88; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

12 **690-380-6040**

13 **Proof of Completion of Change** 14 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0120)**

15 (1) The director shall issue a certificate of water right upon satisfactory proof of completing the
16 change or changes authorized by a transfer approval order. Satisfactory proof shall be one of the
17 following:

18 (a) A determination by the Department that appropriation of water to beneficial use under the
19 terms of the transfer approval order was completed to the extent authorized; or

20 (b) A determination by the Department that appropriation of water to a beneficial use under the
21 terms of the transfer approval order was completed to an extent less than authorized. Such
22 determination shall constitute proof for that portion of the appropriation.

23 (2) If the Department determines that proof has been made to an extent different or less than that
24 approved, a proposed certificate of water right shall be prepared. The proposed certificate shall
25 describe the right determined completed under the provisions of the transfer approval order. The
26 proposed certificate shall be mailed first class to the transferee, together with notice that the
27 transferee or the landowner has a period of 60 days from date of mailing to request the
28 Department reconsider the contents of the proposed certificate of water right. If no request for
29 reconsideration is received within the 60-day period, the director shall issue a water right
30 certificate to the transferee or landowner pursuant to ORS 540.530(2) and the transfer approval
31 order.

32 (3) If the Department determines that proof has been made to the full extent granted by the
33 approval order, a certificate may be issued without the necessity of a proposed certificate.

34 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

35 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*

36 *Hist.: WRD 16-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

1 **690-380-6050**

2 **Waiver of Proof of Completion**

3 **(1) The Director may waive any of the proof of completion requirements of OAR 690-380-**
4 **6040, if:**

5 **(a) The waiver of the mapping requirements has been previously approved under OAR**
6 **690-380-3410; or**

7 **(b) The Director determines that other circumstances are present that make any of the**
8 **requirements for proof of completion unnecessary and the transfer complies with the**
9 **requirements of OAR 690-380-3410 for a waiver of mapping requirements.**

10 **(2) The Department may assist the applicant in satisfying any of the proof of completion**
11 **requirements of OAR 690-380-6040 if the transfer complies with the requirements of OAR**
12 **690-380-3410. The assistance provided by the Department may include, but need not be**
13 **limited to, development of a final proof survey map and claim of beneficial use.**

14 **690-380-6060**

15 **Petition for Reconsideration**

16 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0125)**

17 (1) A petition for reconsideration of the content of a proposed certificate may be submitted in
18 writing to the Department by the transferee or landowner. The petition shall describe the
19 disagreement with the proposed certificate.

20 (2) The petition shall set forth the changes to the proposed certificate or the final proof map and
21 shall include any facts which support the request. Maps, photographs, affidavits, receipts or other
22 such evidence may be included to support the request.

23 (3) The director may allow reasonable time beyond the time set under OAR **690-380-6040** [~~690-~~
24 ~~015-0120~~](2) for a transferee or landowner to complete and submit a written petition for
25 reconsideration.

26 (4) Upon receipt of a petition for reconsideration, the director shall:

27 (a) Approve the petition without verification and issue a certificate with the changes included;

28 (b) Schedule field verification of the requested changes and pursuant thereto approve or deny the
29 request; or

30 (c) Deny it by a letter to the requesting **person** [~~party~~].

31 (5) If field verification is scheduled, a new proposed certificate may be prepared and sent as
32 prescribed by OAR **690-380-6040** [~~690-015-0120~~].

33 (6) A petition for reconsideration of a new proposed certificate issued under section (5) of this
34 rule shall be filed in accordance with sections (1) **to** [~~-~~](3) of this rule. Such petitions shall be
35 approved or denied by an order of the director. The order shall provide for either issuance of a
36 certificate of water right in conformance with the director's findings, or for the scheduling of a
37 contested case hearing as provided under OAR Chapter 690, Division 2.

1 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
2 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.530*
3 *Hist.: WRD 16-1990, f. & cert. ef. 8-23-90; WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

4 **Temporary Transfers**

5 **690-380-8000**
6 **Temporary Transfer Application**
7 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0300)**

8 (1) As provided in ORS 540.523, any person who holds a water use subject to transfer may
9 request that the Department approve a temporary transfer of place of use **or character of use**
10 **identified in a right to store water** for a period not to exceed five years.

11 (2) The application for a temporary transfer shall be on the Department’s water right transfer
12 application form, shall be clearly marked “Temporary Transfer,” and shall include the following:

13 (a) The information required in OAR **690-380-3000** [~~690-015-0060~~];

14 (b) The length of time for which the change is being requested;

15 (c) The appropriate fee for the transfer of the place of use pursuant to ORS 536.050; and

16 (d) A map prepared pursuant to the requirements of OAR **690-380-3010** [~~690-015-0070~~], except
17 it need not be prepared by a certified water right examiner.

18 (3) Notwithstanding the notice and time requirements of OAR **690-380-4020** [~~690-015-0080~~],
19 the Department shall issue an order to approve a request for a temporary transfer under this rule
20 if the Department determines that the temporary transfer will not injure any existing water right.
21 In issuing the order, the Department may include any conditions necessary to protect other water
22 rights.

23 (4) All uses for which a temporary transfer is allowed under this rule shall revert automatically to
24 the terms and conditions of the water use subject to transfer upon expiration of the temporary
25 transfer period, or earlier if requested in writing by the applicant.

26 (5) The time during which water is used under an approved temporary transfer order **does** [~~shall~~]
27 not apply toward a finding of forfeiture under ORS 540.610.

28 (6) The Department may revoke a prior approval of the temporary transfer at any time if the
29 Department finds that the transfer is causing injury [~~to any existing water right~~].

30 (7) The lands from which the water use subject to transfer is removed during the period of a
31 temporary transfer shall receive no water under the transferred water right.

32 (8) If the Department determines that the application is incomplete or defective or that all fees
33 have not been paid, the Department shall return the application.

34 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
35 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 536.050, ORS 540.520 & ORS 540.523*
36 *Hist.: WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

1 **690-380-8010**

2 **Seasonal Use**

3 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0310)**

4 The lands from which the water use subject to transfer is removed shall receive no water, under
5 the appurtenant rights, during the period of a temporary transfer. In the case of a temporary
6 transfer approved during the season for which there is a specified season of use, such as the
7 irrigation season, the lands from which the water use subject to transfer is being removed shall
8 have received no water, under the appurtenant rights, during that season, including water used
9 prior to the approval of the temporary transfer. If the lands have received water, under the
10 appurtenant rights, during that season, the temporary transfer may not take effect until the
11 following season.

12 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*

13 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.523*

14 *Hist.: WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

15 **690-380-8020**

16 **Supplemental Water Rights**

17 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0320)**

18 (1) When an application for a temporary transfer of the place of use is filed with the Department,
19 the applicant also shall indicate whether the land described in the application has an appurtenant
20 supplemental water right or permit. The applicant shall also indicate whether the supplemental
21 water right or permit is intended to be temporarily transferred with the primary water right or to
22 remain unexercised at the place of use as described in the original water right during the period
23 of the temporary transfer.

24 (2) If the applicant also intends to temporarily transfer the supplemental water right or permit,
25 the applicant shall include the information required under OAR **690-380-3000** [~~690-015-0060~~]
26 and **690-380-8000** [~~690-015-0300~~] for the supplemental water right or permit.

27 (3) If an existing supplemental water right or permit is not included in the temporary transfer
28 application, the Department shall notify the applicant and the **land** [~~deeded~~] owner, as identified
29 under OAR **690-380-3000(13)** [~~690-015-0060(12)~~], that the Department will cancel the
30 supplemental water right or permit before issuing the order approving the temporary transfer of
31 the primary water right.

32 (4) Notice by the Department shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. The notice
33 shall contain the following:

34 (a) A description of the supplemental water right or permit and the land to which it is
35 appurtenant;

36 (b) A statement that the applicant and **land** [~~deeded~~] owner, as identified under OAR **690-380-**
37 **3000(13)** [~~690-015-0060(12)~~], has 30 days, from the date of the notice, to either modify the
38 application to include the supplemental water right, or withdraw the application.

39 (c) A statement that, unless the applicant complies with subsection (4)(b) of this rule, the
40 supplemental water right or permit shall be canceled before the Department issues the order
41 approving the application for the temporary transfer of the primary water right.

- 1 (5) If the application is withdrawn, the Department shall keep the examination fee, and shall
2 refund any other fees submitted with the application.
- 3 (6) If the application is not modified or withdrawn, the director shall enter an order canceling the
4 supplemental water right before issuing the order approving the temporary transfer of the
5 primary water right.
- 6 (7) The Department shall not approve the temporary transfer of a supplemental water right or
7 permit if the temporary transfer would result in **injury or** enlargement [~~of the original water~~
8 ~~right or injury to an existing water right~~].
- 9 (8) If the Department approves the temporary transfer of the primary water right but does not
10 approve the temporary transfer of the supplemental water right or permit, the Department shall
11 notify the applicant of the Department's intent not to allow the temporary transfer of the
12 supplemental water right or permit before the Department issues the order approving the
13 temporary transfer of the primary water right. The notice shall inform the applicant that the
14 supplemental water right or permit shall remain appurtenant to the land described in the
15 application, but may not be exercised until the primary water right reverts to the original water
16 use.
- 17 (9) If the primary water right does not revert soon enough to allow the use of water under the
18 supplemental **water** right within five years, the supplemental **water** right shall become subject to
19 cancellation for nonuse under ORS 540.610.

20 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 536.025 & ORS 536.027*
21 *Stats. Implemented: ORS 540.523*
22 *Hist.: WRD 5-1996, f. & cert. ef. 7-11-96*

23 **690-380-9000**
24 **Clarification of Water Rights**
25 **(Renumbered from 690-015-0400)**

- 26 (1) If the Director decides that a certificate of water right does not identify the lands to which the
27 right is appurtenant with sufficient specificity for management, delivery, or transfer of that right,
28 the Director may issue an order clarifying and defining the description of the land to which the
29 right is appurtenant.
- 30 (2) A clarification order may not reduce the rate, duty or number of acres stated in the perfected
31 right. The sole purpose of the order is to better define the location to which the water right is
32 appurtenant.
- 33 (3) Any order issued under this section shall be served on the legal owner of the land to which
34 the water right is appurtenant and on the occupant of the land, by certified mail, return receipt
35 requested. If the owner or occupant files a written request for a hearing within 30 days after
36 service of the order, the Director or the Director's authorized assistant shall conduct a hearing of
37 the matter under the provisions of ORS 183.413 to 183.484.
- 38 (4) If no exceptions or objections to a proposed order issued under this rule are filed within the
39 time allowed, the Director shall issue a final order. Said final order shall be filed with the
40 certificate that the order clarifies. For all purposes, the final order shall constitute the description
41 of the land to which the water right is appurtenant.

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- 1 *Stat. Auth.: ORS 183, ORS 339, ORS 536, ORS 537, ORS 540 & ORS 649*
- 2 *Stats. Implemented:*
- 3 *Hist.: WRD 10-1988, f. & cert. ef. 8-10-88*