

(c) The permit shall include a condition that additional conditions may be added to the use of water when a water right certificate is issued, or when the use of water is changed pursuant to ORS 540.520 and 540.530 to use for a mine.

(9) As used in this section, "contiguous" includes land separated from the land to which a water right is appurtenant by roads, utility corridors, irrigation ditches or publicly owned rights of way. [1981 c.61 §2 (enacted in lieu of 537.210); 1985 c.392 §10; 1985 c.673 §33; 1991 c.735 §33; 1995 c.365 §4; 1995 c.368 §1; 1995 c.416 §16a; 1997 c.42 §1; 1997 c.446 §3; 1999 c.611 §1; 1999 c.664 §6; 2003 c.705 §2; 2013 c.371 §32]

**537.220 Assignment of application, permit or license.** (1) Any application, permit or license to appropriate water may be assigned, subject to the conditions of the application or permit, but no such assignment shall be binding, except upon the parties to the assignment, unless filed for record in the Water Resources Department.

(2) An assignment of an application, permit or license to appropriate water filed for record with the Water Resources Department shall identify the current record owners of all property described in the application, permit or license. The assignor shall furnish proof acceptable to the department that notice of the assignment has been given or attempted for each identified property owner not a party to the assignment. [Amended by 1985 c.673 §34; 1995 c.367 §1]

**537.225 Full or partial assignment of water right permit; issuance of replacement permits.** (1) Notwithstanding ORS 537.220 and 537.635, except as provided in subsection (6) of this section, a record landowner holding a water right permit for an irrigation, nursery, temperature control, stock watering or agricultural water use that has a subsequent completion date may apply for assignment of all or part of the water right permit and for the issuance of a replacement water right permit that reflects that assignment. To obtain the assignment and replacement water right permits, the applicant shall submit an application to the Water Resources Department that includes, at a minimum:

(a) A map prepared by a certified water right examiner and meeting department mapping standards that identifies the authorized place of use, rate of use, any applicable acre-feet allowances, tax lots and points of diversion or appropriation;

(b) A copy of the deed showing that the applicant is an owner of the land;

(c) An affidavit certifying that the water right has not been conveyed or withheld;

(d) A statement by the applicant that the most recent water use under the permit, if

any, has been exercised within relevant terms and conditions of the permit; and

(e)(A) Agreements to the assignment and to the request for the issuance of replacement water right permits submitted jointly or individually by all owners of the land to which the water right is appurtenant; or

(B) An assignment of interest and request for the issuance of replacement water right permits submitted by one or more of the owners of land to which the water right is appurtenant and information identifying the names, addresses and proportionate interests for those owners not submitting the assignment and request.

(2) In addition to the application contents described in subsection (1) of this section, the department may require that the applicant provide any additional information the department deems appropriate to determining whether to approve the application.

(3) Upon receiving an application under subsection (1) of this section, the department shall determine and notify the applicant of the fees payable under ORS 536.050 for processing the application. Upon receipt of the appropriate processing fees, the department shall:

(a) Verify the address of each owner of the lands identified on the map contained in the application;

(b) Verify that the deed supplied with the application matches the property proposed for assignment;

(c) Prepare a statement that the proposed replacement water right permits will not result in the enlargement of the original water right, a proposed final order and drafts of replacement water right permits;

(d) No later than one week prior to the date of the weekly notice described in paragraph (e) of this subsection, mail copies of the application, the map, the existing water right permit, the proposed final order and the draft replacement water right permits to each owner of land to which the existing water right is appurtenant; and

(e) Provide public notice of the application in the weekly notice published by the department.

(4) The department shall allow comment on the application for 30 days following public notice of the application in the weekly notice published by the department. Any protest against the proposed final order must be submitted no later than 45 days after the date of the weekly notice published by the department. A protest must be filed in the manner provided in ORS 537.227.

(5) If the department determines that an application under subsection (1) of this sec-