

**BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
OF THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

KLAMATH BASIN GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION

In the Matter of the Claim of)	PARTIAL ORDER OF
STEPHEN HESS AND)	DETERMINATION
MELISSA HESS)	
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_____)	Water Right Claim 686

The GENERAL FINDINGS OF FACT of the FINAL ORDER OF DETERMINATION is incorporated as if set forth fully herein.

A. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 31, 1991, STEPHEN HESS AND MELISSA HESS (Claimants) (PO BOX 111, BEATTY, OR 97621) timely submitted a Statement and Proof of Claim (Claim 686) to the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) for a total of 3.46 cubic feet per second from Sprague Basin, its tributaries, springs and subsurface flow for irrigation of 275.83 acres. The claimed priority date is October 14, 1864.
2. Claimants withdrew Claim 686 by letter dated October 30, 1991. That letter states in pertinent part: "Owner No. 21 . . . 2 parcels now claimed instead of 4" (referring to Claim Number 686). This withdrawal was further confirmed by a letter dated February 22, 2000.
3. On October 4, 1999, following investigation of the evidence submitted, the Adjudicator issued a Summary and Preliminary Evaluation of Claims (Preliminary Evaluation), stating the claim was withdrawn and was of no force or effect.
4. No contests were filed to Claim 686 or to the Preliminary Evaluation of Claim 686.

B. DETERMINATION

Based upon the file and record herein, including the October 30, 1991 letter withdrawing Claim 686, IT IS ORDERED that Claim 686 is denied and is of no force or effect.

Dated at Salem, Oregon on March 7, 2013



Dwight French, Adjudicator
Klamath Basin General Stream Adjudication