# BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of Allocation of Conserved	)	ORDER APPROVING USE AND DISPOSITION
Water Application CW-64,	)	OF A PORTION APPLICANT'S PORTION OF
Morrow County	)	CONSERVED WATER

### **Applicant**

Superior Farms
J B Land, LLC
PO Box 130
Hermiston, OR 97838

#### **Applicable Law**

ORS 537.455 to 537.500 authorize and establish the process in which a water right holder may submit a request for an allocation of conserved water. OAR Chapter 690, Division 18, implements the statutes and provides the Department's procedures and criteria for evaluating conserved water applications and for implementing the use of the conserved water.

Pursuant to ORS 537.470(3), the Department determined the allocation of conserved water under Conserved Water Application CW-64. Any person or agency allocated conserved water under ORS 537.470 may reserve the water instream for future out-of-stream use or otherwise use or dispose of the conserved water. Any person or agency to whom conserved water is allocated shall notify the Commission of any change in the type of use, place of use, or point of diversion. The notice must be submitted 60 days before the actual the change.

The Director shall approve a change in the type of use, place of use, or point of diversion for conserved water, if: 1) the proposed new use is within the area described under OAR 690-018-0050(4)(h); 2) the proposed change would not constitute an expansion of the right; and c) the approval is consistent with OAR 690-005-0045 (Standards for Goal Compliance and Compatibility with Acknowledged Comprehensive Plans).

#### **Findings of Fact**

 On January 27, 2015, the Department issued a Superseding Final Order Approving and Finalizing Allocation of Conserved Water Project CW-64, Partial Cancellation of Certificate

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

80773, and Approval of Use under OAR 690-018-0090 (Superseding Final Order), recorded in Special Order Volume 93, Pages 1171-1192.

2. The proposed areas for the Applicants' portion of conserved water to be used for out-of-stream uses were identified in the Superseding Final Order as follows:

Township	Range
2 North	26, 27, and 28 East
3 North	26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 East
4 North	26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 East
5 North	26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 East

- 3. On January 30, 2020, the Applicants submitted a 60-Day Notice of Use and Disposition of a portion of the Applicant's portion of conserved water.
- On February 6, 2020, the Department issued an Order on Submission of Claim of Beneficial Use and Approving Use and Disposition of the Applicant's Portion of Conserved Water (COBU and Use Order), recorded at Special Order Volume 116, Pages 52 – 64.
- 5. The COBU and Use Order identified the allocation of the Applicant's portion of conserved water as follows:

Applicants' Portion Conserved Water			Applied ( Proof Submitted) 107.83 Acres		Use on Other Lands 20.3 Acres		Reserved Instream for Future Out-Of- Stream Use		
Orig. Certificate	Priority	Rate (cfs)	Volume (AF)	Rate (cfs)	Volume (AF)	Rate (cfs)	Volume (AF)	Rate (cfs)	Volume (AF)
80773	3/13/1972*	3.52	729.54	1.647	323.49	0.340	68.61	1.533	337.44
85285	3/13/1972*	0.27	56.19					0.270	56.19
	Totals	3.79	785.73	1.647	323.49	0.340	68.61	1.803	393.63

<sup>\* -</sup> plus one minute

- 6. On January 28, 2021, the Applicants submitted a 60-Day Notice of Use or Disposition for a portion of the Applicants' Portion of Conserved Water for CW-64 along with the required documentation.
- 7. The Applicants propose to use the remaining portion of their conserved water reserved instream for future out-of-stream use listed below. Because the priority dates of the conserved water are the same, breakdown of the acreage usage under originating Certificates 80773 and 85285 was not required.

**Originating Certificates:** 

80773 and 85285

Person/Entity Using the Water:

JB Land, LLC

**Superior Farms** 

PO Box 130

Hermiston, OR 97838

Use: IRRIGATION of 832.9 ACRES

Priority Dates: March 13, 1972, plus one minute

Rate/Volume: 1.803 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS), Limited to 393.63 ACRE FEET (AF),

being 1.533 cfs / 337.44 AF under orig. Certificate 80773, and 0.270 cfs /

56.19 AF under orig. Certificate 85285

Source:

COLUMBIA RIVER, tributary to the PACIFIC OCEAN

### **Authorized Points of Diversion:**

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
					POD #1: (HAWMAN PUMPING STATION)
5 N	30 E	WM	8	NE NW	9360 FEET NORTH AND 3530 FEET WEST FROM THE SE
					CORNER OF SECTION 17
					POD #2: (ROYALE COLUMBIA FARMS)
5 N	30 E	WM	8	SW NW	2860 FEET NORTH AND 70 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER
					OF SECTION 8
					POD #3 (SUPERIOR FARMS PUMPING STATION)
5 N	30 E	WM	7	SE SW	460 FEET NORTH AND 1680 FEET EAST FROM THE SW CORNER
		İ			OF SECTION 7

### Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
4 N	30 E	WM	1	SW SW	400	24.10
4 N	30 E	WM	1	SE SW	200	27.00
4 N	30 E	WM	1	SW SE	400	23.00
4 N	30 E	WM	1	SE SE	400	5.50
4 N	30 E	WM	1	SE SE	403	0.50
4 N	30 E	WM	2	SE SE	400	1.80
4 N	30 E	WM	11	NE NE	1300	1.60
4 N	30 E	WM	11	SE NE	1300	4.20
4 N	30 E	WM	11	NE SE	1200	6.00
4 N	30 E	WM	11	SE SE	1200	5.00
4 N	30 E	WM	12	NE NE	1400	24.00
4 N	30 E	WM	12	NW NE	1400	38.50
4 N	30 E	WM	12	SW NE	1400	37.70
4 N	30 E	WM	12	SE NE	1400	32.30
4 N	30 E	WM	12	NE NW	1400	36.20
4 N	30 E	_ WM	12	NW NW	1400	36.70
4 N	30 E	WM	12	SW NW	1400	38.40
4 N	30 E	WM	12	SE NW	1400	36.20
4 N	30 E	WM	12	NE SW	1400	36.00
4 N	30 E	WM	12	NW SW	1400	36,00
4 N	30 E	WM	12	SW SW	1400	,37.00
4 N	30 E	WM	12	SE SW	1400	36.50
4 N	30 E	WM	12	NE SE	1400	36.20
4 N	30 E	WM	12	NW SE	1400	36.00

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Twp	Rng	Mer	, Sec	Q-Q	Tax Lot	Acres
4 N	30 E	WM	12	SW SE	1400	36.50
4 N	30 E	WM	12	SE SE	1400	31.00
4 N	30 E	WM	13	NW NE	1400	16.50
4 N	30 E	WM	13	NE NW	1400	18.50
4 N	30 E	WM	13	NW NW	1400	5.00
4 N	30 E	WM	14	NE NE	1400	37.50
4 N	30 E	WM	14	NW NE	1400	31.50
4 N	30 E	WM	14	SW NE	1400	28.50
4 N	30 E	WM	14	SE NE	1400	31.50
Total						832.90

### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The proposed use is within the area described under OAR 690-018-0050(4)(h).
- 2. The proposed use would not constitute an expansion of the right.
- 3. The proposed use is consistent with OAR 690-005-0045(Standards for Goal Compliance and Compatibility with Acknowledged Comprehensive Plans).

## Now, therefore, it is **ORDERED**:

- 1. The use of water as described in Finding of Fact #7 is approved.
- 2. The right is subject to the provisions of ORS 540.510 to 540.539, 540.572 to 540.578, and 540.610 to 540.670.

DATED at Salem, Oregon this	MAK U 5 ZUZI
Lisa J. Jaramillo, Waysfer and Conse	
THOMAS M. BYLER, DIRECTOR	

Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing date: MAR 0 8 2021