

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF MARION

PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

NORTHWEST FARM CREDIT SERVICES, FLCA
2705 ST ANDREWS LOOP, SUITE D
PASCO WA 99301

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-15071

SOURCE OF WATER: WELL 1 AND WELL 2 WITHIN THE BATTLE CREEK BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: IRRIGATION OF 70.0 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: THE USE OF WATER UNDER THIS PERMIT SHALL BE LIMITED TO A TOTAL COMBINED CUMULATIVE DIVERSION WITH THE WATER RIGHTS ISSUED UNDER PERMITS G-11363 AND G-13842 OF NOT MORE THAN 0.134 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND AT ANY ONE TIME

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: DECEMBER 14, 1999

WELL LOCATIONS:

WELL 1: SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SECTION 25, T8S, R3W, W.M.; 620 FEET SOUTH & 1230 FEET WEST FROM C-N 1/16 CORNER, SECTION 25

WELL 2: SE 1/4 NW 1/4, SECTION 25, T8S, R3W, W.M.; 620 FEET SOUTH & 615 FEET WEST FROM C-N 1/16 CORNER, SECTION 25

The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second (or its equivalent) and 1.0 acre-foot for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

SW 1/4 NW 1/4 18.4 ACRES
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 16.8 ACRES

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NE 1/4 SW 1/4 20.8 ACRES
NW 1/4 SW 1/4 14.0 ACRES
SECTION 25
TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, W.M.

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order, shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month and shall submit a report which includes the recorded water use measurements to the Department annually or more frequently as may be required by the Director. Further, the Director may require the permittee to report general water use information, including the place and nature of use of water under the permit.
- B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

Failure to provide March static water level measurements will likely result in suspension of water use from the well(s) authorized under this permit, until compliance with the annual measurement requirement is met.

For the purpose of considering subsequent renewals of this permit, the Department will be using the initial March measurement as the reference static water level.

This permit expires in five years from date of issuance. This permit may be extended for additional five year periods if the Director finds the resource can support the extended use.

Irrigation shall be by drip or an equally efficient method.

This right is limited to any deficiency in the available supply of any prior right existing for the same land.

If substantial interference with a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from any well listed on this permit, then use of water from the well(s) shall be discontinued or reduced and/or the schedule of withdrawal shall be regulated until or unless the

Department approves or implements an alternative administrative action to mitigate the interference. The Department encourages junior and senior appropriators to jointly develop plans to mitigate interferences.

- (1) Use of water from the well, as allowed herein, shall be controlled or shut off if the well displays:
 - (a) An average water level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
 - (b) A total water level decline of fifteen or more feet; or
 - (c) A hydraulic interference decline of fifteen or more feet in any neighboring well providing water for senior exempt uses or wells covered by prior rights.
- (2) The water user shall install a meter or other measuring device suitable to the Director, and shall submit an annual report of water used to the Department by December 1 of each year.
- (3) The permittee/appropriator shall be responsible for complying with each of the following requirements for measuring water levels in the well.
 - (a) Use of water from a new well shall not begin until an initial static water level in the well has been measured and submitted to the Department.
 - (b) In addition to the measurement required in subsection (a) of this section, a water level measurement shall be made each year during the period March 1 through March 31.
 - (c) All water level measurements shall be made by a qualified individual. Qualified individuals are certified water rights examiners, registered geologists, registered professional engineers, licensed land surveyors, licensed water well constructor, licensed pump installer, or the permittee/appropriator.
 - (d) Any qualified individual measuring a well shall use standard methods of procedure and equipment designed for the purpose of well measurement. The equipment used shall be well suited to the conditions of construction at the well. A list of standard methods of procedure and suitable equipment shall be available from the Department.

- (e) The permittee/appropriator shall submit a record of the measurement to the Department on a form available from the Department. The record of measurement shall include both measurements and calculations, shall include a certification as to their accuracy signed by the individual making the measurements, and shall be submitted to the Department within 90 days from the date of measurement. The Department shall determine when any of the declines cited in section (1) are evidenced by the well measurement required in section (3).

STANDARD CONDITIONS

The wells shall be constructed in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine water level elevation in the well at all times.

The use shall conform to such reasonable rotation system as may be ordered by the proper state officer.

Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit the results of a pump test meeting the department's standards, to the Water Resources Department. The Director may require water level or pump test results every ten years thereafter.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.

This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.

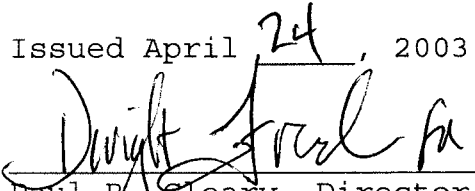
By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.

The use of water shall be limited when it interferes with any prior surface or ground water rights.

The Director finds that the proposed use(s) of water described by this permit, as conditioned, will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

Complete application of the water to the use shall be made on or before October 1, 2007. Within one year after complete application of water to the proposed use, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner (CWRE).

Issued April 24, 2003


Paul R. Cleary, Director
Water Resources Department

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS: Pursuant to ORS 537.330, in any transaction for the conveyance of real estate that includes any portion of the lands described in this permit, the seller of the real estate shall, upon accepting an offer to purchase that real estate, also inform the purchaser in writing whether any permit, transfer approval order, or certificate evidencing the water right is available and that the seller will deliver any permit, transfer approval order or certificate to the purchaser at closing, if the permit, transfer approval order or certificate is available.

CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION LAWS: Permittees involved in ground-disturbing activities should be aware of federal and state cultural resources protection laws. ORS 358.920 prohibits the excavation, injury, destruction or alteration of an archeological site or object, or removal of archeological objects from public and private lands without an archeological permit issued by the State Historic Preservation Office. 16 USC 470, Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires a federal agency, prior to any undertaking to take into account the effect of the undertaking that is included on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. For further information, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at 503-378-4168, extension 232.