### STATE OF OREGON

## COUNTY OF HARNEY

# PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

GH2O INC. 398 N BROADWAY BURNS, OR 97720

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-16928

SOURCE OF WATER: WELL 1 (HARN 295) AND WELL 2 (HARN 50578) IN SWEEK CANYON BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: QUASI-MUNICIPAL USE

MAXIMUM RATE: 1.0 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND (CFS), BEING 0.22 CFS FROM WELL 1 (HARN 295) AND 0.78 CFS FROM WELL 2 (HARN 50578)

PERIOD OF USE: JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

## WELL LOCATIONS:

WELL 1 (HARN 295) - SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SECTION 14, T23S, R30E, W.M.; 1800 FEET SOUTH AND 1975 FEET EAST FROM W1/4 CORNER, SECTION 14

WELL 2 (HARN 50578) - NW 1/4 SW 1/4, SECTION 14, T23S, R30E, W.M.; 1180 FEET SOUTH AND 40 FEET EAST FROM W1/4 CORNER, SECTION 14

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

NE ¼ SW ¼
NW ¼ SW ¼
SE ¼ SW ¼
NW ¼ SE ¼
SW ¼ SE ¼
SECTION 14

TOWNSHIP 23 SOUTH, RANGE 30 EAST, W.M.

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the meter or

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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.

The water user shall develop a plan to monitor and report the impact of water use under this permit on water levels within the aquifer that provides water to the permitted well(s). The plan shall be submitted to the Department within one year of the date the permit is issued and shall be subject to the approval of the Department. At a minimum, the plan shall include a program to periodically measure static water levels within the permitted well(s) or an adequate substitute such as water levels in nearby wells. The plan shall also stipulate a reference water level against which any water-level declines will be compared. If a well listed on this permit (or replacement well) displays a total static water-level decline of 25 or more feet over any period of years, as compared to the reference level, then the water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s). Such action shall be taken until the water level recovers to above the 25-foot decline level or until the Department determines, based on the water user's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or senior water rights. The water user shall in no instance allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit.

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS

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.

If the number, location, source, or construction of any well deviates from that proposed in the permit application or required by permit conditions, this permit may not be valid, unless the Department authorizes the change in writing.

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.

The well(s) 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.

If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing a point of diversion, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy OAR 635-415. For purposes of mitigation, the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Goals and Standards, OAR Chapter 635, Division 415, Section 030 adopted November 13, 1991 shall be followed.

The use may be restricted if the quality of the source stream or downstream waters decrease to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.

Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.

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.

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.

Completion of construction and complete application of the water to the use shall be made on or before October 1, 2012. If the water is not completely applied before this date, and the permittee wishes to continue development under the permit, the permittee must submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

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).

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for Phillip C. Ward, Director Water Resources Department