

STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF HARNEY

PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

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**This superseding permit is issued to describe an amendment for changes in points of appropriation and additional points of appropriation proposed under Permit Amendment Application T-12749 and approved by Special Order Vol. 114, Page 445, entered ~~NOV 27 2019~~. This permit supersedes Permit G-17355.**

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-17284

SOURCE OF WATER: SEVEN WELLS IN POISON CREEK SLOUGH BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: PRIMARY IRRIGATION USE OF 118.58 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 7.02 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 1.60 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS), BEING 1.50 CFS FOR PRIMARY IRRIGATION AND 0.10 CFS FOR SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: NOVEMBER 6, 2009

WELL LOCATIONS:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
23 S	31 E	WM	24	NE NE	WELL 2 - 910 FEET SOUTH AND 80 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 24
23 S	31 E	WM	24	NE NE	WELL 4 - 830 FEET SOUTH AND 610 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 24
23 S	31 E	WM	24	SE NE	WELL 3 - 1380 FEET SOUTH AND 1050 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 24
23 S	31 E	WM	24	SE NE	WELL 6 - 1550 FEET SOUTH AND 400 FEET WEST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 24
23 S	32 E	WM	18	SW SW	WELL 1 - 330 FEET NORTH AND 860 FEET EAST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 24
23 S	32 E	WM	18	SW SW	WELL 5 - 90 FEET NORTH AND 170 FEET EAST FROM THE NE CORNER OF SECTION 24
23 S	32 E	WM	18	NE SE	WELL 7 - 2440 FEET NORTH FROM THE SE CORNER OF SECTION 18

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 and 3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

PRIMARY IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
23 S	32 E	WM	18	NE SE	36.25
23 S	32 E	WM	18	NW SE	34.01
23 S	32 E	WM	18	SW SE	22.85
23 S	32 E	WM	18	SE SE	25.47
TOTAL					118.58

SUPPLEMENTARY IRRIGATION					
Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
23 S	32 E	WM	18	SW NE	3.29
23 S	32 E	WM	18	SE NE	3.73
TOTAL					7.02

**Permit Amendment T-12749 Conditions:**

The combined quantity of water diverted under superseding Permit G-18263 at the proposed additional points of appropriation (Wells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6), together with that diverted at the original point of appropriation (Well 7), shall not exceed the quantity of water lawfully available at the original point of appropriation (Well 7).

Water use measurement conditions:

- a. Before water use may begin under this order, the water user shall install a totalizing flow meter, or, with prior approval of the Director, another suitable measuring device, at each point of appropriation (new and existing).
- b. The water user shall maintain the meters or measuring devices in good working order.
- c. The water user shall allow the Watermaster access to the meters or measuring devices; provided however, where the meters or measuring devices are located within a private structure, the Watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

Water shall be acquired from the same aquifer as the original points of appropriation.

**Original Permit Conditions:**

Measurement devices, and recording/reporting of annual water use 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 device in good working order.
- B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the device; provided however,

where any device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

- C. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the volume of water diverted each month, and shall submit a report which includes 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.
- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

**Dedicated Measuring Tube:** Wells with pumps shall be equipped with a minimum 3/4 –inch diameter, unobstructed, dedicated measuring tube pursuant to figure 200-5 in OAR 690-200. If a pump has been installed prior to the issuance of this permit, and if static water levels and pumping levels can be measured using an electrical tape, then the installation of the measuring tube can be delayed until such time that water levels cannot be measured or the pump is repaired or replaced.

**Static Water Level Conditions:**

The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The first annual measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

All measurements shall be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board. Measurements shall be submitted on forms provided by, or specified by, the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well log ID; and
- B. Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method of measurement; and
- D. Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

The water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the wells if any of the following events occur:

- A. Annual water-level measurements reveal an average water-level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- B. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 15 or more feet in fewer than five consecutive years; or
- C. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 25 or more feet; or
- D. Hydraulic interference leads to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority.

The period of restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or the Department determines, based on the permittee'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 causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit. If more than one well is involved, the water user may submit an alternative measurement and reporting plan for review and approval by the Department.

The wells shall be continuously cased and continuously sealed to a minimum depth of 100 feet below land surface. If during well construction, it becomes apparent that the well can be constructed to eliminate interference with hydraulically connected streams in a manner other than specified in this permit, the permittee can contact the Department Hydrogeologist for this permit or the Ground Water/Hydrology Section Manager to request approval of such construction. The request shall be in writing, and shall include a rough well log and a proposed construction design for approval by the Department. The request can be approved only if it is received and reviewed prior to placement of any permanent casing and sealing material. If the well is constructed first and then the request made, the requested modification will not be approved. If approved, the new well depth and construction specifications will be incorporated into any certificate issued for this permit.

Prior to using water from any well listed on this permit, the permittee shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.

At the time of perfection, the permittee may request that the use be certificated as primary irrigation, if water has been used beneficially according to the terms and conditions of this permit, and if underlying primary water rights are simultaneously diminished or canceled.

### **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 wells 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 appropriation, 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 635-415, shall be followed.

The use may be restricted if the quality of downstream waters decreases 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 to the Water Resources Department the results of a pump test meeting the Department's standards for each point of appropriation (well), unless an exemption has been obtained in writing under OAR 690-217. The Director may require water-level or pump-test data 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.

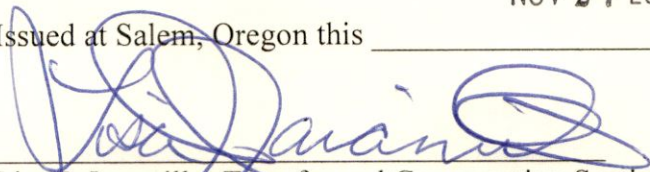
By law, the land use associated with this water use must be in compliance with statewide land-use goals and any local acknowledged land-use plan.

The original permit was issued May 14, 2015. Completion of construction and application of the water to the use shall be made on or before May 14, 2020. If beneficial use of permitted water has not been made before this date, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after making beneficial use of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

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Issued at Salem, Oregon this \_\_\_\_\_,



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