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Water Right Application Initial Review

February 3, 2023

NANTUCKET SHORES WATER CO.
PO BOX 999
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Reference: Application S-89270

This document is to inform you of the preliminary analysis of the water-use permit application and to describe your options. In determining whether an application may be approved, the Department must consider the factors listed below, all of which must be favorable to the proposed use if it is to be allowed. Based on the information supplied, the Water Resources Department has made the following preliminary determinations:

Preliminary Determinations (Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-310-0080)

1. The application proposes the diversion of 0.50 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from Miles Creek, tributary to Pacific Ocean, for quasi-municipal use January 1 through December 31 of each year.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. Quasi-municipal uses are allowable under the North Coast Basin Program (OAR 690-501-0005(1)).
4. Based on a preliminary review, an analysis of water availability using the Department's Water Availability Reporting System is not available for the proposed use. Therefore, a site-specific determination must be made. This review is done consistent with OAR 690-410-0070(2)(a). An assessment of water availability has been completed by the local Watermaster. Water is available from January 1 through December 31 of each year.
5. The proposed use is not located within or above any state scenic waterway.
6. Documentation has been submitted acknowledging the land use information request was received by the local Planning Department. See the **Additional Information Required** section below.
7. The Department understands that should this application be permitted, the applicant intends to cancel Permit S-53237, which is for group domestic use at the same place of use.

Summary of Preliminary Determinations

The diversion of 0.50 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from Miles Creek, tributary to Pacific Ocean, for quasi-municipal uses is allowable January 1 through December 31 of each year, contingent upon the submittal of additional information and cancellation of Permit S-53237. See Additional Information Required section below.

Additional Information Required

Additional information is required to process your application prior to issuance of any Proposed Final Order that may recommend permit approval. Please provide the following item(s):

1. Documentation that demonstrates the proposed use complies with the local acknowledged comprehensive land-use plan, or that you are actively pursuing approval from the Tillamook County Planning Department. If you demonstrate you are pursuing it, the Department can continue to process the application and issue a Proposed Final Order and a Final Order even when land use approval has not been obtained. However, before a permit will be issued the Department must receive documentation from the relevant planning jurisdiction that either 1) the proposed use is allowed outright or 2) that an approved land-use decision has been obtained, and that either no administrative appeals were received, or all such appeals have concluded.

Please submit the requested information listed above no later than **March 9, 2023**. If you are unable to submit the information listed above, you may request an administrative hold for up to an additional 180 days. You must submit the request in writing, stating how much more time you will need and why you need additional time. If an administrative hold is granted, your application will not be processed further until the requested information is received or the extended deadline has passed. If we do not receive the items listed above or an administrative hold request by March 9, 2023, the Department may reject the application and may refund fees.

Public Comment & Further Review:

Public interest issues and/or public comments will be addressed as the Department prepares a Proposed Final Order. If significant public interest issues are identified, they could have an impact on the eventual outcome of the application.

Division 33 Review – The Department's Division 33 administrative rules (OAR 690-033) establish additional procedures and standards to aid the Department in determining whether a proposed use will impair or be detrimental to the public interest with regard to sensitive, threatened, or endangered (STE) fish species. This Initial Review does not address the potential impact that your proposed use may have on these species.

Your application will now undergo an additional review from numerous federal, state, local, and tribal governmental entities. This review may cause your application to be limited, conditioned, or denied. Depending on the proposed use, you may be required to mitigate for potential impacts identified in the review.

Mitigation for impacts to STE Species – Mitigation is often complicated, time consuming, and expensive, and may include, but is not limited to, actions such as replacing the proposed amount of water within the impacted reach through purchasing or transferring an existing water right. Following the Initial Review, you will be notified if mitigation is required, due to impacts to STE fish species.

If you choose to pursue mitigation, you will likely need to place your application on administrative hold in order to explore options. There will be an additional fee of \$790 required with any mitigation proposal submitted.

At this time, you must decide whether to proceed or to withdraw the application.

- **To Proceed** - If you choose to proceed with the application you do not have to notify the Department. The application will be placed on the Department's Public Notice to allow others the opportunity to comment. After the comment period the Department will complete a public interest review and issue a Proposed Final Order.
- **To Withdraw** - You may withdraw the application and receive a refund (minus a \$310 processing fee per application). You must notify the Department **in writing by February 17, 2023**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

If a permit is issued, it will likely include the following conditions:

1. Construction of the water system shall begin within five years of the date of permit issuance. The deadline to begin construction may not be extended. A permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if the begin construction deadline is missed.
2. Consistent with ORS 537.248(1), you are not required to submit engineering plans and specifications before a permit is issued, if one is issued. However, you may not begin construction of the reservoir until the Department approves the engineering plans and specifications.
3. **Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting:**
 - A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of diversion. 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.

4. Water Management and Conservation Plan Condition:

Within 6 months of permit issuance, the permittee shall submit a Water Management and Conservation Plan, addressing use under this permit, consistent with OAR 690-086. The timeline for submittal of a plan under this permit does not alter the timelines for submittal of a plan under any other order of the Department. No water may be diverted if a Water Management and Conservation Plan is not submitted within 6 months of permit issuance.

The water source identified in the application may be affected by an Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. These plans are developed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) with the cooperation of local landowners and other interested stakeholders and help to ensure that current and new appropriations of water are done in a way that does not adversely harm the environment. You are encouraged to explore ODA's Water Quality Program web site at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODA> to learn more about the plans and how they may affect the proposed water use.

For Further Information:

Feel free to contact me at Adam.M.Frederick@water.oregon.gov or 971-707-8400 if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or the application. Please include the application number in all correspondence. General questions about water rights and water use permits should be directed to our customer service staff at 503-986-0900. When corresponding by mail, please use this address: Adam Frederick, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,

Adam Frederick

Adam Frederick
Water Right Application Specialist
Oregon Water Resources Department

Enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form.
S-89270
WAB: No WAB
Proposed to Approve

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: S-89270

Applicant: NANTUCKET SHORES WATER CO.

County: TILLAMOOK

Watermaster: NIKKI HENDRICKS, 1, NWR

Priority Date: SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

Source: MILES CREEK, TRIBUTARY TO PACIFIC OCEAN

Purpose or Use: QUASI-MUNICIPAL USE

Rate: 0.50 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

Basin Name & Number: NORTH COAST, # 1

WAB: NO WAB

Point of Diversion:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
4 S	10 W	WM	7	NW SW	520 FEET SOUTH AND 1170 FEET EAST FROM W1/4 CORNER, SECTION 7

Place of Use:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q
4 S	10 W	WM	7	NW NW
4 S	10 W	WM	7	SW NW
4 S	10 W	WM	7	SE NW
4 S	10 W	WM	7	NW SW
4 S	11 W	WM	12	NE NE
4 S	11 W	WM	12	SE NE
4 S	11 W	WM	12	NE SE

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: February 7, 2023

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: February 17, 2023

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: March 9, 2023

APPLICATION PROCESS DESCRIPTION FOR GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS

In order to use the waters of Oregon, an application must be submitted and a permit obtained from the Water Resources Department. The water must be used for beneficial purpose without waste. For more information about water right topics, weekly public notice, forms and fees please visit our web site at: www.wrd.state.or.us

1. Pre-application considerations

- Follow instructions in the application packet.
- If you have questions about completing an application or would like to arrange a pre-application conference contact the Department's Water Rights Customer Service Group at (503) 986-0900.

2. Application filing

- Application with fee is received by the Department.
- Department determines completeness of application.
- If use is not allowed by statute (ORS 538), the application and fees are returned to the applicant.
- An incomplete application and fees are returned to the applicant.
- Only a complete application receives a tentative priority date, is assigned a caseworker, and moves forward for processing.

3. Initial Review (IR)

- Caseworker reviews application by considering basin plans, water availability, statutory restrictions, and all other appropriate factors.
- Caseworker sends IR report to Applicant.
- Four days after date of the IR, it is included in Department's weekly Public Notice.
- Public comments must be submitted within 30 days after the Public Notice.

4. Proposed Final Order (PFO)

- Caseworker evaluates application against required criteria and develops draft permit, if appropriate.
- PFO includes instructions for filing of protests.
- Caseworker considers public comments and mails PFO to Applicant.
- The PFO is included in Department's weekly Public Notice.
- Public protests to the PFO must be submitted within 45 days after the Public Notice.

5. Final Order (FO)

- If no protest is filed, Final Order is issued.

The protest process

If one or more protests are filed, the process consists of:

- settlement discussion;
- contested case hearing;
- proposed Order;
- period of time to file exceptions; or
- Possible hearing by Water Resources Commission.
- Final Order is issued.

Permit holder responsibilities

- Comply with all water use conditions of the permit.
- Advise Department of address change or assignment to new permit holder.
- If need arises, request extension of time or authorize cancellation of permit.
- Submit timely claim of beneficial use (COBU) to the Department.
- Most permits require COBU to be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner.
- Permits may be canceled by the permit holder or by the Department for failure to comply with or one or more permit conditions.

STOP PROCESSING REQUEST FORM

FOR GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS

- Stop processing deadline is within 14 days of Initial Review.

Applicant notification to withdraw Water Right Application **S-89270**.

After reviewing the Initial Review for my application, I request that processing be stopped and the fees be refunded (minus a \$310 examination fee.) I understand that without a valid permit I may not legally use the water as requested in my application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Under ORS 537.150 (5) and 537.620 (5) timely submission of this request authorizes that the water right application process be stopped and all filing fees (except \$310 processing fee) be returned.

- This notice must be received at Water Resources Department by:

February 17, 2023

- Return the notice to:

OWRD, Water Right Services Division
STOP PROCESSING
725 Summer Street, NE - Suite A
Salem OR, 97301-1271
