# Oregon Water Resources Department Water Right Services Division

Water Right Application G-19375 in the	
name of BRANDON TAAFFE and 1310	FINAL ORDER
GREGORY, LLC	

# **Authority**

Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) 536.700 - 536.780 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) 690-019 establish the process by which the Department can allow temporary emergency-use permits.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- On July 3, 2023, Brandon Taaffe and 1310 Gregory, LLC submitted an application to the Department for an emergency-use permit, requesting 0.05 cubic foot per second, further limited to 2.0 acrefeet, of groundwater for supplemental irrigation of 6.0 acres from a single well, for use June 1, 2023, through October 31, 2023.
- 2. The Department has not received adverse comments related to the possible issuance of the attached permit.
- 3. The Department completed a review of the application in accordance with OAR 690-019-0040.
- 4. Drought conditions have created an inability on the part of the applicant to obtain water under existing Water Right Certificates 85288, 80576, 85876, and 85877.
- 5. The use is proposed in a designated drought area according to the Governor's June 26, 2023, Executive Order 23-15.
- 6. The required examination and recording fees were paid.
- 7. The Department considered the factors described in OAR 690-310-0130 and finds that:
  - (a) The proposed use requested in this application is allowed in the Rogue Basin Program (OAR 690-515-0040(1)(a));
  - (b) Groundwater is available in the amount requested for this emergency, temporary use;
  - (c) The proposed use will not injure other water rights; and

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- (d) The proposed use complies with other rules of the Commission.
- 8. The Department has considered the need for water because of the drought emergency and the short-term nature of the proposed emergency use.

# **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

The application will not cause injury to existing water rights and will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest (OAR 690-019-0040(3)).

# **ORDER**

Now therefore, it is ordered, Application G-19375 is hereby approved and Permit G-18864 is issued as limited by the conditions contained therein.

DATED JUL 1 9 2023

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