

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 18, 2024, Leon Eichler and Terri Eichler submitted an application for a permit to store water pursuant to ORS 537.409.

 Storage Volume: 50.0 ACRE-FEET
 Dam Height: THE RESERVOIR IS ENTIRELY BELOW GROUND SURFACE; THERE IS NO DAM
 Source: RUNOFF, TRIBUTARY TO SALT CREEK
 County: YAMHILL COUNTY
 Reservoir Location: SECTION 18, TOWNSHIP 5 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, W.M.
2. The required examination fees were paid, and the minimum application requirements were met.
3. On January 23, 2024, the Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly public notice. A 60-day comment period followed.
4. The Department did receive public comment related to the possible issuance of the attached permit. The Department considered the comments; however, they did not affect the outcome of the application.
5. An assessment of water availability at 50% exceedance for the proposed use was completed using the Department's Water Availability Reporting System. A copy of this assessment is in the application file. This review is done consistent with OAR 690-410-0070(2)(a). The assessment established that water is available November 1 through June 30 of each year for the proposed use.
6. The Department relies on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's review and recommendations in determining whether a proposed use would pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources. The Department has determined that, if limited to December 1 through April 30, and as conditioned, the proposed use will not pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources. The applicant also submitted documentation that fish passage approval has been obtained.
7. The Department has determined that the proposed use, as conditioned, will not injure other water rights.
8. The Department has determined that the proposed source has not been withdrawn from further appropriation under ORS Chapter 538.
9. The proposed reservoir is not prohibited under ORS 390.835.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Application R-89435 contains the information required by ORS 537.409(1)-(3).
2. The proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest as described in ORS 537.409.

ORDER

Application R-89435 is approved and Permit R-15644 is issued as limited by the conditions contained therein.

DATED MAY 3, 2024



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Oregon Water Resources Department

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