PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date 04/07/2023
FROM: Groundwater Section Phillip I. Marcy
Reviewer's Name
SUBJECT: Application G- 18780 Supersedes review of 02/13/2019
Date of Review(s)

PUBLIC INTEREST PRESUMPTION; GROUNDWATER

OAR 690-310-130 (1) *The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.* Department staff review groundwater applications under OAR 690-310-140 to determine whether the presumption is established. OAR 690-310-140 allows the proposed use be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria. **This review is based upon available information and agency policies in place at the time of evaluation**.

A. GENERAL INFORMATION: Applicant's Name: **Matthew J. Conser; Diversified Shelters Inc., DBA Conser Homes Inc.**
County: **Linn**

A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 0.078 cfs from 3 well(s) in the Willamette Basin, subbasin

A2. Proposed use Quasi-Municipal Seasonality: Year-round

A3. Well and aquifer data **(attach and number logs for existing wells; mark proposed wells as such under logid)**:

Well	Logid	Applicant's Well #	Proposed Aquifer*	Proposed Rate(cfs)	Location (T/R-S QQ-Q)	Location, metes and bounds, e.g. 2250' N, 1200' E fr NW cor S 36
1	LINN 62180	1	Marine Sediments	0.033	11S/3W-2 NW-NW	530'S 1065'W fr S ¼ cor S 35
2	LINN 62490	2	Marine Sediments	0.022	11S/3W-2 NW-NW	480'S, 955'W fr S ¼ cor S 35
3	LINN 62477	3	Marine Sediments	0.022	11S/3W-2 NW-NW	545'S, 900'W fr S ¼ cor S 35
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* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

Well	Well Elev ft msl	First Water ft bls	SWL ft bls	SWL Date	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Draw Down (ft)	Test Type
1	232	24	5	11/08/2017	142	0-20	+1-24	NA	6-24	15	-	Air
2	237	21	16	09/24/2018	182	0-19	+1-19	2-182	19-160	6	-	Air
3	238	25	16	09/21/2018	142	0-19	+1-19	0-140	19-118	9	-	Air

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** The applicant states the proposed aquifer as "alluvium", but all three proposed POA wells are constructed to produce from marine sediments of the Eugene Formation (McClaughry 2010).

This re-review is being conducted to reevaluate the determination of over-appropriation in Section B1(a) of this review form considering the updated guidance in the Iverson memo of 02/06/2023.

A5. ☒ **Provisions of the** Willamette Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of groundwater hydraulically connected to surface water ☐ **are**, *or* ☒ **are not**, activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)
Comments:

A6. ☐ **Well(s) #** _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , _____ , tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.
Name of administrative area:
Comments:

B. GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070

B1. **Based upon available data**, I have determined that groundwater* for the proposed use:

a. ☐ **is** over appropriated, ☒ **is not** over appropriated, *or* ☐ **cannot be determined to be** over appropriated during any period of the proposed use. * This finding is limited to the groundwater portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;

b. ☐ **will not** *or* ☒ **will** likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights. * This finding is limited to the groundwater portion of the injury determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;

c. ☐ **will not** *or* ☒ **will** likely to be available within the capacity of the groundwater resource; or

d. ☐ **will, if properly conditioned**, avoid injury to existing groundwater rights or to the groundwater resource:
   i. ☐ The permit should contain condition #(s) _____;
   ii. ☐ The permit should be conditioned as indicated in item 2 below.
   iii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in item 3 below;

B2. a. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no deeper than _____ ft. below land surface;

b. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no shallower than _____ ft. below land surface;

c. ☐ **Condition** to allow groundwater production only from the _____ groundwater reservoir between approximately _____ ft. and _____ ft. below land surface;

d. ☐ **Well reconstruction** is necessary to accomplish one or more of the above conditions. The problems that are likely to occur with this use and without reconstructing are cited below. Without reconstruction, I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Groundwater Section.

Describe injury –as related to water availability– that is likely to occur without well reconstruction (interference w/ senior water rights, not within the capacity of the resource, etc): _____

B3. **Groundwater availability remarks:** There is no current and relevant water level data available in the vicinity of the proposed POA wells, therefore groundwater cannot be determined to be over appropriated for the proposed use. LINN 7478, located about 6.5 miles southwest of the applicant's wells maintains a water level record dating back to 1962, showing minimal decline and seasonal variation of about 10-12 feet in groundwater elevation. As the rate of pumping is fairly small (35 GPM), no significant impacts are expected as a result of this use.

Available data for nearby wells do not display significant declines that would suggest over-appropriation of the source aquifer as defined in the Iverson 2023 memo.

C. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040

C1. **690-09-040 (1):** Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
1	**Sandstone of the Eugene Formation**	☐	☒
2	**Sandstone of the Eugene Formation**	☐	☒
3	**Sandstone of the Eugene Formation**	☐	☒
		☐	☐
		☐	☐

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: Well logs do not report any substantial deposit of fine-grained lithology overlying the water-bearing zones that would provide confinement, and the wells are sealed to 19-24' in depth. Additionally, the static head elevation reported by the driller is similar to the depth at which water was first encountered in each hole. The elevation of nearby (seasonal) Truax Creek is above the local water table, suggesting this reach is losing when surface water is present, and likely provides recharge to nearby wells producing from the shallow aquifer system.

C2. **690-09-040 (2) (3):** Evaluation of distance to, and hydraulic connection with, surface water sources. All wells located a horizontal distance less than ¼ mile from a surface water source that produce water from an unconfined aquifer shall be assumed to be hydraulically connected to the surface water source. Include in this table any streams located beyond one mile that are evaluated for PSI.

Well	SW #	Surface Water Name	GW Elev ft msl	SW Elev ft msl	Distance (ft)	Hydraulically Connected? **YES** **NO** **ASSUMED**			Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed? **YES**	**NO**
1	**1**	**Willamette River**	**227**	**173**	**12,500**	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
2	**1**	**Willamette River**	**221**	**173**	**12,600**	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
3	**1**	**Willamette River**	**222**	**173**	**12,690**	☒	☐	☐	☐	☒
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
						☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: According to the regional gradient (Conlon and others, 2005) groundwater in productive zones accessed by the proposed POA wells inevitably discharges to the Willamette River. In this area, streams are typically seasonal, indicating a high base flow component to discharge through coarse-grained sediments overlying marine sediments.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Willamette R > Columbia R – AB Mill Cr at Gage 14191000

C3a. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts for each well that has been determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that surface water source, and not lower SW sources to which the stream under evaluation is tributary. Compare the requested rate against the 1% of 80% *natural* flow for the pertinent Water Availability Basin (WAB). If Q is not distributed by well, use full rate for each well. Any checked ☒ box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.

Well	SW #	Well < ¼ mile?	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐
		☐	☐			☐		☐		☐

C3b. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts by total appropriation for all wells determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. **Complete only if Q is distributed among wells**. Otherwise same evaluation and limitations apply as in C3a above.

	SW #		Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
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			☐			☐		☐		☐
			☐			☐		☐		☐

Comments: The proposed POAs are not within 1 mi of any perennial streams.

C4a. **690-09-040 (5):** Estimated impacts on **hydraulically connected surface water sources greater than one mile** as a percentage of the proposed pumping rate. Limit evaluation to the effects that will occur up to one year after pumping begins. This table encompasses the considerations required by 09-040 (5)(a), (b), (c) and (d), which are not included on this form. Use additional sheets if calculated flows from more than one WAB are required.

Non-Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													

Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
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Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
(A) = Total Interf.													
(B) = 80 % Nat. Q													
(C) = 1 % Nat. Q													
(D) = (A) > (C)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
(E) = (A / B) x 100		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

(A) = total interference as CFS; (B) = WAB calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (C) = 1% of calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (D) = highlight the checkmark for each month where (A) is greater than (C); (E) = total interference divided by 80% flow as percentage.

Basis for impact evaluation: Impacts to the Willamette River were not evaluated in detail because the Water Availability Basin figures show that minimum monthly 80% natural flows are > 100 times the full pumping rate requested (i.e., high enough that the full pumping rate is < 1% of minimum flows; see Water Availability Table below). Therefore interference will not exceed 1% and there is no potential for substantial interference.

C4b. **690-09-040 (5) (b) The potential to impair or detrimentally affect the public interest is to be determined by the Water Rights Section.**

C5. ☐ **If properly conditioned**, the surface water source(s) can be adequately protected from interference, and/or groundwater use under this permit can be regulated if it is found to substantially interfere with surface water:

i. ☐ The permit should contain condition #(s)_____;

ii. ☐ The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. **SW / GW Remarks and Conditions:**

References Used:

Conlon, T.D., Wozniak, K.C., Woodcock, D., Herrera, N.B., Fisher, B.J., Morgan, D.S., Lee, K.K., and Hinkle, S.R., 2005, Ground-Water Hydrology of the Willamette Basin, Oregon: U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Investigations Report 2005-5168, 83 p.

McClaughry, J.D., Wiley, T.J., Ferns, M.L., and Madin, I.P., 2010, Digital Geologic Map of the Southern Willamette Valley, Benton, Lane, Linn, Marion, and Polk Counties, Oregon: DOGAMI Open-File Report O-10-03, 116 p.

Application G-18780, application review G-17971, local well logs.

Iverson, J.I. 2023, Clarification of current policy for determining over-appropriation in section B1a of the PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS.

D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200

D1. **Well #:** _____ **Logid:** _____

D2. **THE WELL does not appear to meet current well construction standards based upon:**

a. ☐ review of the well log;
b. ☐ field inspection by _____;
c. ☐ report of CWRE _____;
d. ☐ other: (specify) _____

D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency or other comment is described as follows:** _____

D4. ☐ **Route to the Well Construction and Compliance Section for a review of existing well construction.**

Water Availability Tables

DETAILED REPORT ON THE WATER AVAILABILITY CALCULATION

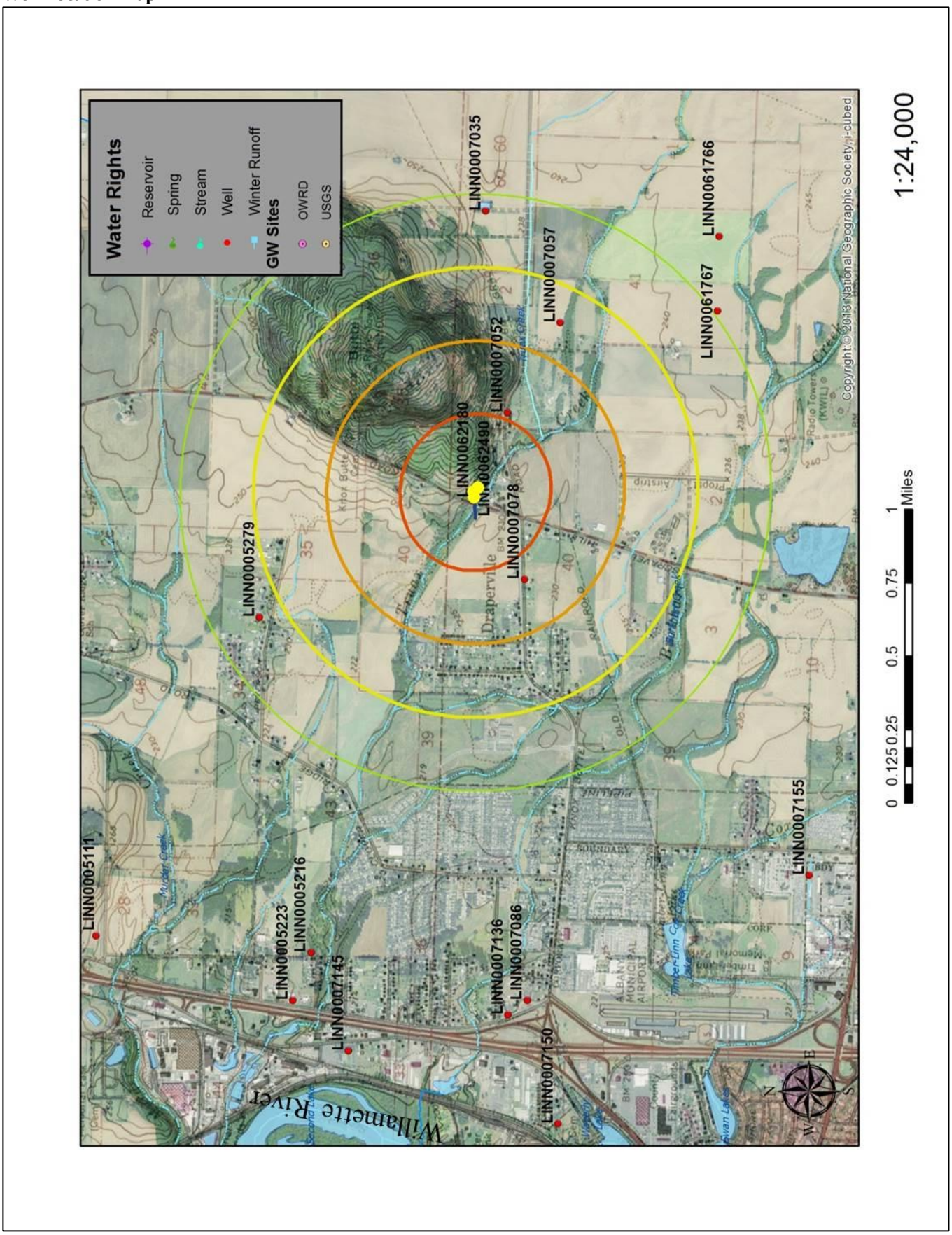
WILLAMETTE R > COLUMBIA R - AB MILL CR AT GAGE 14191000

Watershed ID #: 183 Basin: WILLAMETTE Exceedance Level: 80
Time: 3:27 PM Date: 02/12/2019

Monthly values are in cfs.
Storage is the annual amount at 50% exceedance in ac-ft.

Month	Natural Stream Flow	Consumptive Use and Storage	Expected Stream Flow	Reserved Stream Flow	Instream Requirements	Net Water Available
JAN	18,400.00	2,240.00	16,200.00	0.00	1,300.00	14,900.00
FEB	20,100.00	7,420.00	12,700.00	0.00	1,300.00	11,400.00
MAR	19,600.00	7,210.00	12,400.00	0.00	1,300.00	11,100.00
APR	18,000.00	6,870.00	11,100.00	0.00	1,300.00	9,830.00
MAY	15,500.00	4,170.00	11,300.00	0.00	1,300.00	10,000.00
JUN	8,310.00	1,690.00	6,620.00	0.00	1,300.00	5,320.00
JUL	4,710.00	1,440.00	3,270.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,970.00
AUG	3,620.00	1,330.00	2,290.00	0.00	1,300.00	992.00
SEP	3,680.00	1,150.00	2,530.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,230.00
OCT	4,650.00	742.00	3,910.00	0.00	1,300.00	2,610.00
NOV	9,400.00	851.00	8,550.00	0.00	1,300.00	7,250.00
DEC	16,700.00	912.00	15,800.00	0.00	1,300.00	14,500.00
ANN	13,500,000	2,150,000	11,300,000	0	942,000	10,400,000

Well Location Map



Water-Level Trends in Nearby Wells