



3. The Department has not received public comment related to the possible issuance of the limited license.
4. This limited license request is limited to an area within a single drainage basin, as required by OAR 690-340-0030(3).
5. As part of its review to determine groundwater availability, the Department has determined that groundwater is not over appropriated and is available for the requested use. The proposed use will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing groundwater rights or to the groundwater resource. The Department has stipulated conditions pertaining to measurement and reporting, and allowing groundwater production from only from the marine sedimentary bedrock groundwater reservoir. A copy of this review is in the file.
6. The Department has determined that the proposed source has not been withdrawn from further appropriation per ORS 538.
7. The Department may not issue a limited license for the same use for more than five consecutive years. (ORS 537.143)(8).
8. In this location, grapes vines do not necessarily require continuing irrigation after establishment. This limited license is issued to establish grape vines. The Department may issue a limited license for irrigation if the sole purpose of the use is to provide water necessary to establish a crop for which no further irrigation will be required after the crop is established. ORS 537.143 (6)(a).
9. Pursuant to OAR 690-340-0030(4) and (5), conditions have been added with regard to notice and water-use measurement.
10. Benton County has indicated that the proposed use is compatible with the applicable acknowledged comprehensive land-use plan. A copy of the land use compatibility statement is in the file.

### ***Conclusions of Law***

The proposed water use will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest pursuant to OAR 690-340-0030(2), as limited in the order below.

### ***Order***

Therefore, pursuant to ORS 537.143, ORS 537.144, and OAR 690-340-0030, Application LL-1962 is approved as conditioned below.

1. The authorized use of water under this limited license is as follows:

**Amount:** 12 GPM (0.027 CFS) UP TO 8.1 AF

**Source:** TWO WELLS

**Use:** IRRIGATION TO ESTABLISH 13.3 ACRES OF GRAPE VINES

**Duration:** MAY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 OF EACH YEAR; FROM LIMITED LICENSE ISSUE DATE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2028

**Well Locations:** HAGERTY WELL (BENT 654) 11.00S-4.00W-6 NW SW  
SISSEL WELL (BENT 56583) 11.00S-4.00W-6 SW SW

2. The licensee shall give notice to the Watermaster in the district where use is to occur not less than 15 days or more than 60 days in advance of using the water under the limited license. The notice shall include the location of the diversion, the quantity of water to be diverted, and the intended use and place of use. In the case of this application, this order serves as the notice described above.
3. Before water use may begin under this limited license, the licensee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of appropriation. The totalizing flow meter must be installed and maintained in good working order.
4. The licensee shall maintain a record of all water use, including the total number of hours of pumping, the total quantity pumped, and the categories of beneficial use to which the water is applied. During the period of the limited license, the record of use shall be submitted to the Department annually, or more frequently as may be required by the Director, and shall be submitted to the Watermaster upon request.
5. Groundwater production shall only be allowed from the marine sedimentary bedrock groundwater reservoir.
6. Static Water Level Condition:

To monitor the effect of water use from the well(s) authorized under this limited license, the Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water level measurements. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

Measurements must be made according to the following schedule:

#### **Before Use of Water Takes Place**

##### Initial and Annual Measurements

The Department requires the licensee to report an initial water level measurement in the month specified above once well construction is complete and annually thereafter until use of water begins; and

#### **After Use of Water has Begun**

##### Seven Consecutive Annual Measurements

Following the first year of water use, the user shall report seven consecutive annual static water level measurements. The first of these seven annual measurements will establish the reference level against which future annual measurements will be compared. Based on an analysis of the data collected, the Director may require the user to obtain and report additional annual static water level measurements beyond the seven year minimum reporting period. The additional measurements may be required in a different month. If the measurement requirement is stopped, the Director may restart it at any time.

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 and be submitted to the Department on forms provided by the Department. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Identify each well with its associated measurement; and
- B. Measure and report water levels to the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method used to obtain each well 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 well(s) 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 non-use or restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or until the Department determines, based on the licensee'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 senior water rights. The water user shall in no instance allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this limited license. 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.

7. Water may be used under this limited license only to establish a crop for which no future irrigation will be required after the crop is established (ORS 537.143(6)(a)).
8. The Director may revoke the right to use water for any reason described in ORS 537.143(2), and OAR 690-340-0030(6). Such revocation may be prompted by field regulatory activities or by any other information.
9. Use of water under a limited license shall not have priority over any water right exercised according to a permit or certificate, and shall be subordinate to all other authorized uses that rely upon the same source.
10. 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.
11. A copy of this limited license shall be kept at the place of use, and be made available for inspection by the Watermaster or other state authority.

NOTE: This water-use authorization is temporary. Applicants are advised that issuance of this final order does not guarantee that any permit for the authorized use will be issued in the future; any investments should be made with that in mind.

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If you need further assistance, please contact the Water Rights Section at the address, phone number, or fax number below. When contacting the Department, be sure to reference your limited license number for fastest service.

Remember, this limited license does not provide a secure source of water. Water use can be revoked at any time. Such revocation may be prompted by field regulatory activities or many other reasons.

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