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PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

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A5. 🗆	Provisions of the	Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or
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A6. 🗆	Well(s) #,,,,,	, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction.

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

Bas	sed 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.	 i.
	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;
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
0.	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):
Gro	oundwater availability remarks:
The	ere are no existing wells or groundwater developments anywhere in this immediate area. Over 5 miles to the west LAKE
HA	67 was completed to a depth of 760 feet in basalt and reportedly encountered no water. Approximately 8 miles to the east RN 52610 penetrated 193 feet of clay, ash and pumice overlying basalt and broken rock to a depth of 650 feet and was reported as a dry hole.
Ver	y little information exists for this location and it is not known if sufficient groundwater will be present at the proposed the for the proposed use.
Ifa	permit is issued, the following conditions are recommended:
7N:	Annual Measurement and Decline Condition
Flo	w meter condition: Use the water rights "large" permit condition requiring a totalizing flow meter and reporting.
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C1. 690-09-040 (1): Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
1-5	Volcanic rock		

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation:

There is very little information available about groundwater conditions in this area but elsewhere in this basin groundwater exists under unconfined conditions in both volcanic rock and sedimentary deposits.

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 1/4 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 (mi)	Conn	ulically ected? ASSUMED	Potentia Subst. In Assum YES	terfer.
1-5	1	Willow Spring	<5360	5360	2.25-3.25	\boxtimes			×
1-5	2	North Spring	<4570	4570	2.5-3.5	×			×
1-5	3	DL Spring	<5380	5380	2.25-3.25	×			\boxtimes

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation:

The only perennial surface water sources in this area are several springs located upgradient on the flanks of Beatys Butte. Although the groundwater elevation at the location of the proposed wells is unknown, it is below the elevation at which these springs discharge from the butte.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: No WAB data available.

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 (SW) source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that SW source, 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 \(\subseteq \) box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.

Well	SW #	Well < 1/4 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?

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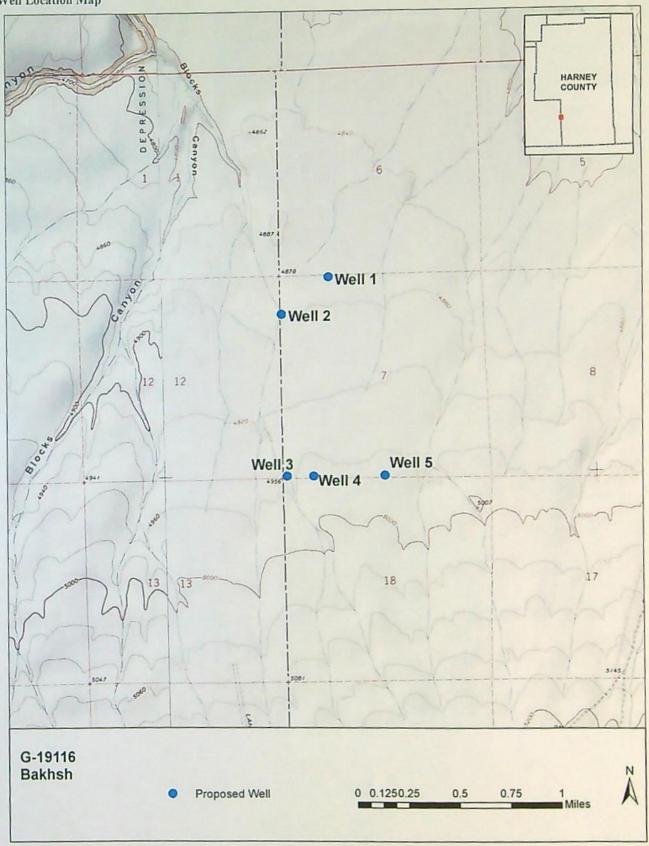
C4b. 690-09-040 (5) (b) The potential to impair or detrimentally affect the public interest is to be determined by the Water Rights Section.
 If properly conditioned, the surface water source(s) can be adequately protected from interference, and/or groundwater use under this permit can be regulated if it is found to substantially interfere with surface water: i.
ii. The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;
C6. SW / GW Remarks and Conditions:
None.
References Used: Walker, G.W. and Repenning, C.A., 1965. Reconnaissance geologic map of the Adel quadrangle, Lake, Harney, and Malheur counties, Oregon, US Geological Survey Miscellaneous Geologic Investigations Map I-446, scale 1:250,000.
OWRD water well reports, water level data, and/or hydrographs.

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Water Availability Tables No WAB data available.

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Well Location Map



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Water-Level Measurements in Nearby Wells None available.

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Oregon Water Resources Department Water Rights Division

In the Matter of the Proposed
Final Order for Application
G-19116 in the Name of
Allah Bakhsh

WATERWATCH OF OREGON'S PROTEST TO PROPOSED FINAL ORDER

I. Name, Address and Telephone Number of Protestant

WaterWatch of Oregon 213 SW Ash Street, Suite 208 Portland, OR 97204

Phone: 503.295.4039 Fax: 503.295.2791

Contact: Lisa Brown, lisa@waterwatch.org

II. Interests Of Protestant

Protestant WaterWatch of Oregon ("WaterWatch") is a non-profit river conservation and restoration group that has invested time and money protecting and restoring in-stream flows, aquifers and surface waters in Oregon, including areas that would be affected by the Proposed Final Order ("PFO"). WaterWatch has individual and organizational members across the state, many of whom regularly use and enjoy the Malheur Lake Basin and who would be affected by the proposed use for bird watching and other activities.

WaterWatch has committed extensive resources and time to maintaining and restoring streamflows and instream resources throughout Oregon, where all water is a public owned resource. ORS 537.110. WaterWatch and its members have invested significant time and resources into advocating for sound water policy, including specifically advocating for improved, sustainable allocation and management of Oregon's groundwater that does not result in depleted aquifers and that maintains groundwater dependent ecosystems such as springs, cold water inputs to streams, groundwater dependent vegetation, wetlands, and playas. WaterWatch

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has specifically committed extensive time and resources to preventing and addressing groundwater over-allocation in the Malheur Lakes Basin.

WaterWatch also represents the public's interest in protecting Oregon's waterways and groundwater resources for public uses, including maintaining aquatic habitats, including groundwater dependent ecosystems, and waterways and protecting them from exploitation and waste, and in ensuring that Oregon's water laws are properly implemented and Oregon's water resources are allocated fairly and not over-allocated.

WaterWatch does this work through advocacy for legislation, participating on rules advisory committees, working in collaborative and stakeholder processes, and participating in administrative and judicial proceedings, all with the goal of ensuring that Oregon's water is managed sustainably and in a way protects the public's interest and instream values.

For all of these reasons, WaterWatch and its members will be adversely and practically affected by the PFO.

III. The PFO Would Impair And Be Detrimental To Protestant's Interests

- Issuance of the permit would impair and be detrimental to WaterWatch's interest and the public's interest in ensuring that the state not issue groundwater water permits where water is not available and that are not within the capacity of the resource, in violation of statutes and rules established to protect the public interest and the public welfare, safety and health.
- Issuance of the permit consistent with the PFO would impair and be 2. detrimental to WaterWatch's interest and the public's interest in protecting the groundwater resources, groundwater dependent ecosystems and and surface waters in the Malheur Lake Basin.

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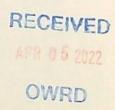
- Issuance of the permit would impair and be detrimental to WaterWatch's
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 Oregon's water resources are allocated fairly and not over-allocated.
- IV. How The PFO Is In Error And Deficient And How To Correct The Errors And Deficiencies
- A. The PFO is in error and deficient for reasons including, but not limited to, the following:
- 1. The PFO's Conclusion of Law that the proposed use, as conditioned, would ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525 is in error because the presumption in ORS 537.621 has not been established and any presumption has been overcome.

Background

In Oregon, "[a]ll water within the state from all sources of water supply belongs to the public." ORS 537.110. Oregon's Ground Water Act of 1955 was forward looking in requiring Oregon's groundwater to be allocated and managed in a manner that will preserve the public welfare, safety and health. ORS 537.525. The Ground Water Act contains several provisions that require Oregon's groundwater to managed sustainably, including that it only be allocated within the capacity of the resource and in a manner that maintains reasonably stable groundwater levels and protects groundwater supplies for human consumption. ORS 537.525(3), (5) and (7).

ORS 537.621(2) provides a statutory presumption that a proposed use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety, and health as required by ORS 537.525 only if certain factors are met. The department shall make the presumption if:

[T]he proposed use is allowed in the applicable basin program established pursuant to ORS 536.300 and 536.340 or given a preference under ORS 536.310 (12), if water is available, if the proposed use will not injure other water rights and if the proposed use complies with rules of the Water Resources Commission.



ORS 537.621(2). This is a rebuttable presumption that may be overcome by a preponderance of evidence that either:

(a) One or more of the criteria for establishing the presumption are not satisfied; or

(b) The proposed use would not ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as demonstrated in comments, in a protest under subsection (7) of this section or in a finding of the department that shows:

(A) The specific aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 that would be impaired or detrimentally affected; and

(B) Specifically how the identified aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 would be impaired or be adversely affected.

Id.

Argument

The application seeks a permit to develop five wells with a combined rate of 4.9 cfs for nursery use in the Catlow Valley areas of the Malheur Lakes Basin. The PFO's Conclusion of Law that the proposed use, as conditioned, would ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525 (PFO, p. 3) is in error because the PFO's determination that the presumption was met (*id.*) is in error, and any presumption has been overcome, for reasons including but not limited to the following.

- a. The PFO's determination that water is available is erroneous and not supported by the evidence.
 - i) The PFO's finding that that "[g]roundwater will likely be available within the capacity of the resource" (PFO, p. 2, #5) is not supported by any findings or by the evidence.

First, the PFO cites no facts or evidence in support it's finding that "[g]roundwater will likely be available within the capacity of the resource" (PFO, p. 2, #5). That is defective, including under the Administrative Procedures Act. ORS 183.482(8)(c).

Further, the Groundwater Rereview states that WRD cannot determine whether the groundwater resource is over-appropriated. (Groundwater Review, p. 5). That part of the form

AFR 0.5 2022 OWRD specifies that the finding is "limited to the groundwater portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130," which is WRD's rule implementing the public welfare, health and safety presumption. Therefore, checking the "cannot be determined" box is a statement by the agency that it cannot establish the presumption.

The review left blank the part of the form that asks if groundwater for the proposed use is "likely to be available within the capacity of the groundwater resource." (P. 5).

The review reports that "[v]ery little information exists for this location and it is not known if sufficient groundwater will be present at the proposed depth for the proposed use." (*Id.*, p. 5). The PFO states that the proposed wells are in the "Campbell Lake Basin" within the Malheur Lakes Basin, but WRD's water availability model (WARS) does not contain any information a Campbell Lake Basin; the Groundwater Review reports: "Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: No WAB data available." (P. 6).

OAR 690-310-0130 contains rules for determining whether the presumption that the proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health, as described in ORS 537.525, is met. Those specify that WRD shall only determine that the presumption has been met if, among other requirements "water is available." OAR 690-310-0130(1)(a)(b). In pertinent part, "Water is available" is defined in rule as follows ""Water is Available," when used in OAR 690-310-0080, 690-310-0110 and 690-310-0130, means: (a) The requested source is not over-appropriated under OAR 690-400-0010 and 690-410-0070 during any period of the proposed use. ***." OAR 690-300-057.

In turn, OAR 690-400-0010(11)(a)(B) states that ""Over-Appropriated" means a condition of water allocation in which: *** The appropriation of groundwater resources by all water rights exceeds the average annual recharge to a groundwater source over the period of

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record or results in the further depletion of already over-appropriated surface waters. ***"

(Emphasis added). WRD cites no data supporting any conclusion that, with the new proposed pumping, groundwater appropriation will not exceed the average annual recharge. OAR 690-410-0070 contains WRD's water allocation policy: "[t]he waters of the state shall be allocated within the capacity of the resource" and that these waters "shall be protected from over-appropriation by new out-of-stream uses of surface water or new uses of groundwater." OAR 690-410-070(1). The WRD can only allocate groundwater if the allocation "will not" contribute to over appropriation of groundwater. OAR 690-410-070(2)(b).

Additionally, OAR 690-400-0010(4) defines "Capacity of the Resource" to means "the ability of a *** groundwater resource to sustain a balance of public and private uses without causing over-appropriation or otherwise significantly impairing the function or character of the resource." WRD finds that "[g]roundwater will likely be available within the capacity of the resource" (PFO, p. 2, #5), but—in addition to the defects in its water availability finding—the PFO contains no information to support a finding that pumping will not significantly impair the function or character of the resource, including for example by impacting springs, playas or other groundwater dependent ecosystems.

In sum, because WRD cannot determine whether the groundwater is over-appropriated, it also cannot make a determination that water is available within the capacity of the resource, and this means the presumption has not been met. Both the statute and the rules require that WRD make an affirmative finding that water is available. ORS 537.621(2) does not say that WRD must find "if water might be available." ORS 537.621(2) requires that WRD find that "water is available." Because the record shows that WRD cannot make this required determination, the it may not issue the permit.

AFR 0 5 2022 OWRD This approach, commonly referred as "Default to Yes," where WRD lacks evidence to support the required determination that water is available, cannot determine if it has already over-appropriated the groundwater, and lacks data for the immediate area but then proposes to issue the groundwater permit regardless—mirrors what WRD was doing not very far away in the Harney Basin as late as 2014. There, this faulty approach resulted in WRD over-allocating the groundwater by more than 100,000 acre-feet, creating extremely challenging problems for people and the environment alike. It is very disconcerting to see WRD repeat the pattern in this area and we urge WRD to change course and not create the same problems in this area.

ii) Because the Division 9 rules (OAR 690-009) are not being implemented correctly, the PFO's finding that water is available is erroneous.

The Groundwater Review reports that "[t]he only perennial surface water sources in this area are several springs located upgradient on the flanks of Beatys Butte. Although the groundwater elevation at the location of the proposed wells is unknown, it is below the elevation at which these springs discharge from the butte." (P. 6). Beatys Butte, currently managed by BLM's Lakeview District, provides an important habitat link between Hart and Sheldon National Wildlife Refuges. Springs on this land provide important value to wildlife and it is critical to not adversely impact these springs by allowing unsustainable commercial groundwater development.

Whether the springs identified in the Groundwater Review are at a higher elevation than the groundwater level does not answer the question of whether groundwater pumping will affect spring flow. Additional information and analysis regarding the projected impact of the proposed pumping on these springs would be necessary to determine whether the proposed use would "significantly impair[] the function or character of the resource," *i.e.* cause spring flow declines. (OAR 690-400-0010(4), defining "Capacity of the Resource").

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Further, the Groundwater Review appears to unlawfully limit its Division 9 review to hydraulic connection with the perennial surface water sources. (Groundwater Rereview, p. 6).

There is no lawful basis for WRD to limit its evaluation of the impacts of pumping on hydraulically connected surface water to only perennial streams because this likely misses important implications for surface water. It is inconsistent with Division 9 and with the Groundwater Act. To the extent the agency asserts or establishes that Division 9 requires this, WaterWatch challenges that rule provision as inconsistent with the statutory requirement that WRD find that water is available for use. ORS 183.400. There is no lawful basis for WRD to exempt surface water from consideration under Division 9 as it has apparently done here.

Moreover, WRD is required to addressed waters located beyond one mile from the wells and has failed to do so (see Groundwater Review, p. 7, C4a). OAR 690-009-0040(5); OAR 690-410-070(2)(b); OAR 690-400-010(11)(a)(B); elsewhere.

Further, as noted above, OAR 690-410-070(2)(b) and OAR 690-400-010(11)(a)(B), read together, require the WRD to make an affirmative finding that the groundwater use is within the capacity of the resource. The rules make clear that in making the determination the allocation of groundwater to a new beneficial use will not cause over-appropriation under this standard, the WRD is to consider "all water rights." In other words, the WRD must look at the cumulative effects of all permits and certificates issued in the Malheur Lake Basin and has failed to do so here.

b. The PFO's determination that the proposed use would not injure other water rights is erroneous and not supported by the evidence.

Many of the same problems that cause the water availability determination to be erroneous, described in the previous section, demonstrate that the PFO's determination that the proposed use will not injure other water rights is also erroneous and not supported by the

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evidence. The PFO makes an unsupported finding that "[t]he proposed use, if authorized, will avoid injury to existing groundwater rights." (PFO, p. 2, #6). There is no review that supports this conclusion, even though such review is statutorily required. ORS 537.621(d). WRD is also required to assess injury to exempt wells such as domestic wells but there is no evidence it did so here. ORS 537.545(1).

As described further below, WRD may not rely upon permit conditions to issue a permit that may cause injury. Here, WRD appears to be relying on condition 7N, commonly referred to as the decline condition, to address this anticipated injury. That is a condition WRD has apparently never enforced in the Malheur Lakes Basin even where groundwater levels have dropped by more than 100 feet, resulting in widespread injury to well owners including domestic well owners. It is inappropriate to rely on condition 7N which WRD to date appears unwilling or unable to enforce.

To the extent WRD invokes OAR 690-008-0001(8), commonly referred to as the "Race to the Bottom" rule, in defense of this PFO and its finding of no injury, WaterWatch challenges that rule as inconsistent with the Ground Water Act of 1955, including but not limited to ORS 537.525(3), (5) and (7). ORS 183.400.

In sum, the department erred in its injury conclusion and in failing to include adequate injury review of this application. The presumption has not been established.

c. The proposed use does not comply with the rules of the Water Resources Commission.

The proposed use does not comply with various other rules of Commission including but not limited to OAR 690-009; OAR 690-310-130; OAR 690-410 (including but not limited to OAR 690-410-070(2)(b)); and OAR 690-400-010(11)(a)(B) as detailed above. Therefore, the presumption is not met.

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d. The proposed use does not insure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health because the factors ORS 537.525(3) and (5) - (8) will be impaired and adversely affected by the proposed use.

The proposed use will impair and adversely affect the following public welfare, safety and health factors:

- (3) Beneficial use without waste, within the capacity of available sources, be the basis, measure and extent of the right to appropriate ground water.
- (5) Adequate and safe supplies of ground water for human consumption be assured, while conserving maximum supplies of ground water for agricultural, commercial, industrial, thermal, recreational and other beneficial uses.
- (6) The location, extent, capacity, quality and other characteristics of particular sources of ground water be determined.
- (7) Reasonably stable ground water levels be determined and maintained.
- (8) Depletion of ground water supplies below economic levels, impairment of natural quality of ground water by pollution and wasteful practices in connection with ground water be prevented or controlled within practicable limits.

ORS 537.525. Permit issuance will impair and adversely affect these factors because, as described in detail above, WRD cannot determine whether groundwater for the proposed use is over-appropriated, cannot determine whether the proposed use is within the capacity of the resource or would maintain adequate and safe supplies of groundwater for human consumption or maximum supplies for instream beneficial uses including but not limited to springs, and has violated its own rules and statutes designed to ensure that groundwater is allocated within the capacity of the resource and in a manner that does not impair surface water flows. The agency has not determined what a reasonably stable groundwater level for the area is or how it will be maintained if this permit is issued. WRD lacks adequate information to make a determination as to whether the proposed use would be "within the capacity of available sources."

The proposed wells are located in the Catlow Valley near Beatys Butte, but the analysis regarding how the pumping would affect the function or character of the groundwater resource,

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including any groundwater dependent ecosystems such as springs, wetlands, phreatophytes and other groundwater dependent vegetation, playas, or groundwater inputs to streams, is inadequate. See OAR 690-400-0010(4), defining "Capacity of the Resource" to means "the ability of a *** groundwater resource to sustain a balance of public and private uses without causing overappropriation or otherwise significantly impairing the function or character of the resource."

WRD limited its analysis regarding natural groundwater discharge to the perennial surface water sources, but the ecological function of groundwater is much broader than this and has not been addressed as required.

In sum, factors ORS 537.525(3) and (5)-(8) will be impaired and adversely affected by the proposed use.

e. The department may not rely on the "decline condition," or any other permit conditions, to find that the presumption has been met.

The PFO concludes that the proposed use, as conditioned, would ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525 (PFO, p. 3). The Draft Permit includes the condition WRD relies upon to address future groundwater declines (Draft Permit at p. 3 (PFO, Adobe p. 9)), but WRD may not lawfully rely on this condition to circumvent or paper over the fact that it cannot make the required determination that water is available, that the proposed use is within the capacity of the resource, or that the use will not cause injury. Imposition of this permit condition cannot overcome the agency's inability to meet the standards for issuing a new groundwater permit. The condition does not meet WRD's statutory and rule requirements for protecting Oregon's groundwater. WRD is required to not over-allocate the groundwater and not issue groundwater permits that may cause injury—it is not permitted to over-allocate the groundwater on the basis that it might enforce this condition in the future after it issues too many permits and causes groundwater levels to plumet.

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Further, a minimum decline of 15 feet from the first March static water level, and more likely 25 feet given the realities of well level measurement, is required to trigger the condition. At that point, the use is already well out of compliance with the statutory and rule requirements. Moreover, WRD has used this condition to justify issuing new groundwater permits across Oregon, but on information and belief has never enforced this condition in the Malheur Lakes Basin even where groundwater levels have declined by more than 100 feet and the condition has been tripped on multiple permits. WRD's reliance on the decline condition, or any other condition, to issue this permit is unlawful.

Oregon's Groundwater Act of 1955 requires WRD to only issue new groundwater permits where water is available and where pumping would be within the capacity of the resource and reasonably stable groundwater levels will be maintained. avoid over-allocating groundwater in the first instance. Adding the decline condition, or any other condition, cannot support permit issuance where WRD lacks the data to make the statutory determinations required for permit issuance.

2. The PFO violates OAR 690-009, OAR 690-400, OAR 690-410, and OAR 690-310.

As detailed above, issuance of the permit violates OAR 690-009, OAR 690-400, OAR 690-410, and OAR 690-310. WRD may not issue a permit in violation of its own rules.

3. Reservation

WaterWatch reserves the right to raise any additional issues and arguments not reasonably ascertainable on the currently available record.

B. The errors and deficiencies should be corrected as follows:

The errors and deficiencies should be corrected by denying the permit application.

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V. Citation Of Legal Authority

Applicable legal authorities, where known, are cited above.

VI. Protest Fee

The required fee of \$950.00 is included with this protest.

VII. Request For Hearing

Protestant requests a contested case hearing.

Dated: April 4, 2022

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that on this date, a copy of the foregoing protest was served on each of the following by the method indicated:

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Application G-19116

PFO Date February 22, 2022

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1. WRD - File # G-19116

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Oregon Water Resources Department Water Right Services Division

Water Right Application G-19116 in the)
name of ALLAH BAKHSH) PROPOSED FINAL ORDER

Summary: The Department proposes to issue an order approving Application G-19116 and a permit consistent with the attached draft permit.

Authority

The application is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.615 through 537.628, and 390.826, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 5, 8, 9, 33, 300, 310, 400, 410, and the Malheur Lake Basin Program (OAR 690-512). These statutes and rules can be viewed on the following website: https://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/policylawandrules/Pages/default.aspx.

The Department's main website can be found at: https://www.oregon.gov/OWRD.

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 if:

- a) The proposed use is allowed in the applicable basin program established pursuant to ORS 536.300 and 536.340 or given a preference under ORS 536.310(12);
- b) Water is available;
- c) The proposed use will not injure other water rights; and
- d) The proposed use complies with the rules of the Commission. ORS 537.621(2); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(b)

All four criteria must be met for a proposed use to be presumed to ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health. When the criteria are met and the presumption is established the Department must further evaluate the proposed use, any comments received, information available in its files or received from other interested agencies, and any other available information to determine whether the presumption is overcome. OAR 690-310-0140

If the Department determines that the presumption is established and not overcome, the Department shall issue a Proposed Final Order recommending issuance of the permit subject to any appropriate modifications or conditions.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Application History

1. On April 20, 2021, Allah Bakhsh filed a complete application for the following water use:

Source: WELL 1, WELL 2, WELL 3, WELL 4 AND WELL 5 IN CAMPBELL LAKE BASIN

Use: NURSERY USE ON 280.42 ACRES
Rate: 4.9 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND (CFS)

Period of Use: JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

County: HARNEY COUNTY

Place of Use: SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, W.M.

- 2. On June 25, 2021, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, determining that the appropriation of 4.9 CFS of water from Well 1, Well 2, Well 3, Well 4 and Well 5 in Campbell Lake Basin for nursery use (irrigation and agriculture use) on 280.42 acres is allowable January 1 through December 31 of each year. The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.
- On June 29, 2021, the Department noticed the application in its weekly public notice, requesting
 comments, and providing information for interested persons about obtaining future notices and a
 copy of the Proposed Final Order.

Presumption Criteria (a) - Consistency with Basin Program

 Uses included in nursery use are included in irrigation and agriculture uses, both of which are allowed under the Malheur Lake Basin Program (OAR 690-512-0010(1)). The proposed use is not within the Greater Harney Valley Groundwater Area of Concern. ORS 537.621(3)(b); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(b)

Presumption Criteria (b) - Water Availability

An assessment of groundwater availability has been completed by the Department. A copy of this
assessment is in the file and can be viewed on the Department's website. Groundwater will likely
be available within the capacity of the resource, and if properly conditioned (and if authorized), the
proposed use of groundwater will avoid injury to existing groundwater rights. ORS 537.621(3)(c);
OAR 690-310-0150(2)(c)

Presumption Criteria (c) - Injury Determination

 The proposed use, if authorized, will not injure other water rights. ORS 537.621(3)(d); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(e)

Presumption Criteria (d) - Whether the use complies with rules of the Commission

- 7. Documentation has been submitted from the relevant land-use planning jurisdiction that indicates the proposed use is allowed outright. ORS 537.621(3)(b); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(b)
- The Department has determined that the proposed groundwater use will not have the potential for substantial interference with surface water. ORS 537.621(3)(b); OAR 690-009-0040(4)

9. The proposed groundwater use is not located within a designated critical groundwater area. ORS 537.620(4)(a), 537.621(3)(a); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)

<u>Determination of Presumption that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health</u>

Based on the review of the presumption criteria (a)-(d) above, the presumption has been established. ORS 537.621(2); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(g)

Further evaluation of the proposed use

- 10. No comments were received by the close of the comment period. OAR 690-310-0140(3)(a)
- 11. Information available in Department files, received from other interested agencies, and other available information does not provide a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use would not ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525. OAR 690-310-0140(3)

Other Criteria and Requirements

- 12. The proposed use is not located within or above a state scenic waterway, as designated under ORS 390.826. 537.621(3)(a); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(a)
- 13. The amount requested, 4.9 CFS, is necessary for the proposed use. ORS 537.621(3)(c); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(d)
- 14. The applicant proposed methods to measure the amount of water appropriated, prevent damage to aquatic life and riparian habitat, prevent discharge of contaminated water to a surface stream, or to prevent damage to public uses of any affected surface waters. These measures are adequate at this time. OAR 690-310-0150(2)(j)
- 15. The proposed use complies with rules of the Water Resources Commission not otherwise described above.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The proposed use, as conditioned, would ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.

NOTE: When issuing permits, ORS 537.628(1) authorizes the Department to include limitations and conditions which have been determined necessary to protect the public welfare, safety and health.

PROPOSED ORDER

The Department recommends approval of Application G-19116 and issuance of a permit consistent with the attached draft permit.

DATED February 22, 2022

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Thomas M. Byler, Director

Oregon Water Resources Department

Protests

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for groundwater), you can protest this Proposed Final Order. Protests must be received by the Water Resources Department no later than April 8, 2022.

IMPORTANT: Due to COVID-19, the Department's office is closed to walk-in services. The Department encourages the submission of protests by U.S. mail. Please consider mailing early to ensure the Department receives the protest by the deadline specified above.

Protests must be in writing and include the following:

- · Your name, address, and telephone number;
- A description of your interest in the Proposed Final Order, and, if you claim to represent the
 public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
- A detailed description of how the action proposed in the Proposed Final Order would impair or be detrimental to your interest;
- A detailed description of how the Proposed Final Order is in error or deficient, and how to correct the alleged error or deficiency;
- Any citation of legal authority to support your protest, if known;
- To affect the Department's determination that the proposed use in this application will, or will not, ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525, ORS 537.621(2)(b) requires that a protest demonstrate, by a preponderance of evidence any of the following: (a) One or more of the criteria for establishing the presumption are, or are not, satisfied; or (b) The specific aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 that would be impaired or detrimentally affected, and specifically how the identified aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 would be impaired or be adversely affected;
- If you are the applicant, a protest fee of \$480 required by ORS 536.050; and
- If you are not the applicant, a protest fee of \$950 required by ORS 536.050 and proof of service
 of the protest upon the applicant.
- If you are the applicant, a statement of whether or not you are requesting a contested case hearing.

Requests for Standing

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for groundwater), persons other than the applicant who support a Proposed Final Order can request standing for purposes of participating in any contested case proceeding on the Proposed Final Order or for judicial review of a Final Order.

Requests for standing must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than April 8, 2022. Requests for standing must be in writing, and must include the following:

- The requester's name, mailing address and telephone number;
- If the requester is representing a group, association or other organization, the name, address
 and telephone number of the represented group;

- A statement that the requester supports the Proposed Final Order as issued;
- A detailed statement of how the requester would be harmed if the Proposed Final Order is modified; and
- A standing fee of \$270. If a hearing is scheduled, an additional fee of \$680 must be submitted along with a petition for party status.

After the protest period has ended, the Director will either issue a Final Order or schedule a contested case hearing. The contested case hearing will be scheduled only if a protest has been submitted and either:

- upon review of the issues, the director finds that there are significant disputes related to the proposed use of water, or
- the applicant requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If you do not request a hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period, or if you withdraw a request for a hearing, notify the Department or the administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Director may issue a Final Order by default. If the Director issues a Final Order by default, the Department designates the relevant portions of its files on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for purpose of proving a prima facie case upon default.

You may be represented by an attorney at the hearing. Legal aid organizations may be able to assist a party with limited financial resources. Generally, partnerships, corporations, associations, governmental subdivisions or public or private organizations are represented by an attorney. However, consistent with OAR 690-002-0020 and OAR 137-003-0555, an agency representative may represent a partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or public or private organization if the Department determines that appearance of a person by an authorized representative will not hinder the orderly and timely development of the record in this case.

Notice Regarding Servicemembers: Active duty servicemembers have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571, or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through http://legalassistance.law.af.mil. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll free telephone number.

- If you have any questions about statements contained in this document, please contact Kim French at Kim.R.French@oregon.gov or 503-979-3168.
- If you have questions about how to file a protest or if you have previously filed a protest and you want to know the status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-979-9160.
- If you have any questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at 503-986-0900.

Address any correspondence to : Water Right Services Division

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STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF HARNEY

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

ALLAH BAKHSH 3125 SAMUEL ST RIVERSIDE CA 92504

The specific limits and conditions of the use are listed below.

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-19116

SOURCE OF WATER: WELL 1, WELL 2, WELL 3, WELL 4 AND WELL 5 IN CAMPBELL LAKE BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: NURSERY USE (IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE USE) ON 280.42 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 4.9 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: JANUARY 1 THROUGH DECEMBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: APRIL 20, 2021

AUTHORIZED POINT OF APPROPRIATION:

POA Name	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
WELL 1	36 S	29 E	WM	7	NW NW	30 FEET SOUTH AND 1280 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SECTION 7
WELL 2	36 S	29 E	WM	7	NW NW	980 FEET SOUTH AND 60 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SECTION 7
WELL 3	36 S	29 E	WM	7	SW SW	50 FEET NORTH AND 90 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 7
WELL 4	36 S	29 E	WM	7	SW SW	50 FEET NORTH AND 790 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 7
WELL 5	36 S	29 E	WM	7	SE SW	50 FEET NORTH AND 50 FEET WEST FROM S1/4 CORNER, SECTION 7

The amount of water used for nursery use under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to 0.15 cubic foot per second per acre and 5.0 acre feet per acre per year. For irrigation of containerized nursery plants, the amount of water diverted under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to ONE-FORTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 5.0 acre feet per acre per year. For irrigation of in-ground nursery plants, the amount of water diverted under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to ONE-

EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 2.5 acre feet per acre per year. The use of water for nursery use may be made at any time, during the period of allowed use specified above, that the use is beneficial. For irrigation of any other crop, the amount of water diverted under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 2.5 acre feet per acre during the irrigation season of each year.

AUTHORIZED PLACE OF USE:

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
36 S	29 E	WM	7	NW NW	39.88
36 S	29 E	WM	7	SW NW	40.03
36 S	29 E	WM	7	SE NW	40.00
36 S	29 E	WM	7	NE SW	40.00
36 S	29 E	WM	7	NW SW	40.18
36 S	29 E	WM	7	SW SW	40.33
36 S	29 E	WM	7	SESW	40.00

PERMIT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

 Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this permit may result in action including, but not limited to, restrictions on the use, civil penalties, or cancellation of the permit.

2. 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 appropriation. 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 used each month, and shall submit an annual report which includes the recorded 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.

3. Static Water Level Measurement:

The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The first annual measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

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. Measurements shall be submitted on forms provided by, or specified by, the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well log ID; and
- Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method of measurement; and
- D. Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

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- 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 restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or the Department determines, based on the permittee'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 causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit. 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.

4. Well Identification Tag:

Prior to using water from any well listed on this permit, the permittee shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

- If the number, location, source, or construction of any well deviates from that proposed in the
 permit application or required by permit conditions, this permit may be subject to cancellation,
 unless the Department authorizes the change in writing.
- 2. If substantial interference with surface water or a senior water right occurs due to withdrawal of water from any well listed on this permit, then use of water from the well(s) shall be discontinued or reduced and/or the schedule of withdrawal shall be regulated until or unless the Department approves or implements an alternative administrative action to mitigate the interference. The Department encourages junior and senior appropriators to jointly develop plans to mitigate interferences.
- The well(s) shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Supply Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port adequate to determine water-level elevation in the well at all times.
- 4. Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.
- This permit is for the beneficial use of water without waste. The water user is advised that new regulations may require the use of best practical technologies or conservation practices to achieve this end.
- 6. 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.

DEVELOPMENT AND COMPLETION TIMELINE REQUIREMENTS

- Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit to the Water Resources
 Department the results of a pump test meeting the Department's standards for each point of
 appropriation (well), unless an exemption has been obtained in writing under OAR 690-217. The
 Director may require water-level or pump-test data every ten years thereafter.
- Construction of the well shall begin within five years of the date of permit issuance. The deadline to begin construction may not be extended. This permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if the construction deadline to begin is missed.

- Complete application of the water shall be made within five years of the date of permit issuance. If beneficial use of permitted water has not been made before this date, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.
- 4. Within one year after complete application of water to the proposed use, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

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DRAFT - THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

Dwight French
Water Right Services Division Administrator, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application G-19116

IR Date: June 25, 2021

Original and map mailed to applicant:

ALLAH BAKHSH 3125 SAMUEL ST RIVERSIDE CA 92504

Sent via auto email:

- 1. Agent John Short johnshort@usa.com
- 2. WRD Watermaster #10, J R. Johnson
- 3. WRD Jason Spriet ER

Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File G-19116

Application Specialist: Kim French

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(SUPPORT STAFF)

On: 6/25/2021



Water Resources Department

725 Summer St NE, Suite A Salem, OR 97301 (503) 986-0900 Fax (503) 986-0904

Water Right Application Initial Review

June 25, 2021

ALLAH BAKHSH 3125 SAMUEL ST RIVERSIDE CA 92504

Reference: Application G-19116

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 under Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 690-310-0080:

- Application G-19116 proposes the appropriation of 4.9 cubic feet per second (CFS) of water from Well 1, Well 2, Well 3, Well 4 and Well 5 in Campbell Lake Basin for year-round nursery use on 280.42 acres.
- 2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
- Uses included in nursery use are included in irrigation and agriculture use, both of which are allowed under the Malheur Lake Basin Program (OAR 690-512-0010(1)).
- Groundwater will likely be available within the capacity of the resource, and if properly conditioned (and if authorized), the proposed use of groundwater will avoid injury to existing groundwater rights.
- The Department has determined, based upon OAR 690-009, that the proposed groundwater use will not have the potential for substantial interference with any surface water source.
- 6. The proposed use is not located within or above any state or federal scenic waterway.
- 7. The points of appropriation are not located within a critical, limited, or withdrawn groundwater area.
- 8. Documentation has been submitted from the relevant land-use planning jurisdiction that indicates the proposed use is allowed outright.

Summary of Preliminary Determinations

The appropriation of 4.9 CFS of water from Well 1, Well 2, Well 3, Well 4 and Well 5 in Campbell Lake Basin for nursery use (irrigation and agriculture use) on 280.42 acres is allowable January 1 through December 31 of each year.

Because of the favorable determinations described herein, Application G-19116 can move to the next phase of the water-rights application review process, which includes a public interest review.

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.

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

- <u>To Proceed</u> 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.
- <u>To Withdraw</u> You may withdraw the application and receive a refund (minus a \$260 examination fee per application). You must notify the Department in writing by July 9, 2021.
 For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

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

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 Department authorizes the change in writing</u>.
- 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 appropriation. 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 used each month, and shall submit an annual report which includes the recorded 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. Static Water Level Measurement:

The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The first annual measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

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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 website at https://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 Kim.R.French@oregon.gov or 503-986-0816 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: Kim French, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,

Kim French

Water Right Application Specialist
Oregon Water Resources Department

Enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

WAB: No PSI Proposed to Approve

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: G-19116

Applicant: ALLAH BAKHSH

County: HARNEY

Watermaster: J R. JOHNSON, 10, ER

Priority Date: APRIL 20, 2021

Source: WELL 1, WELL 2, WELL 3, WELL 4 AND WELL 5 IN CAMPBELL LAKE BASIN

Use: NURSERY USE (IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE USE) ON 280.42 ACRES

Quantity: 4.9 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: MALHEUR LAKE, #12

Well Location(s):

POA Name	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
WELL 1	36 S	29 E	WM	7	NW NW	30 FEET SOUTH AND 1280 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SECTION 7
WELL 2	36 S	29 E	WM	7	NW NW	980 FEET SOUTH AND 60 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SECTION 7
WELL 3	36 S	29 E	WM	7	SW SW	50 FEET NORTH AND 90 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 7
WELL 4	36 S	29 E	WM	7	SW SW	50 FEET NORTH AND 790 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 7
WELL 5	36 S	29 E	WM	7	SE SW	50 FEET NORTH AND 50 FEET WEST FROM S1/4 CORNER, SECTION 7

Place of Use:

Twp Rng		Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres	
36 S	29 E	WM	7	NW NW	39.88	
36 S	29 E	WM	7	SW NW	40.03	
36 S	29 E	WM	7	SE NW	40.00	
36 S	29 E	WM	7	NE SW	40.00	
36 S	29 E	WM	7	NW SW	40.18	
36 S	29 E	WM	7	SW SW	40.33	
36 S	29 E	WM	7	SE SW	40.00	

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: June 29, 2021

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: July 9, 2021

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: July 29, 2021

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.oregon.gov/OWRD

1. Pre-application considerations

- Follow instructions in the application packet.
- If you have questions about completing an application or would like to arrange a preapplication 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 <u>use</u> 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.
- Contact the Caseworker if you have questions about the IR.
- 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.
- An administrative hold may be requested in writing by Applicant.

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 G-19116.

After reviewing the Initial Review for my application, I request that processing be stopped and fees be refunded (minus a \$260 examination fee). I understand that thout 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 \$260 examination fee) be returned.

This notice must be received by the Water Resources Department no later than:

July 9, 2021

Return the notice to:

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

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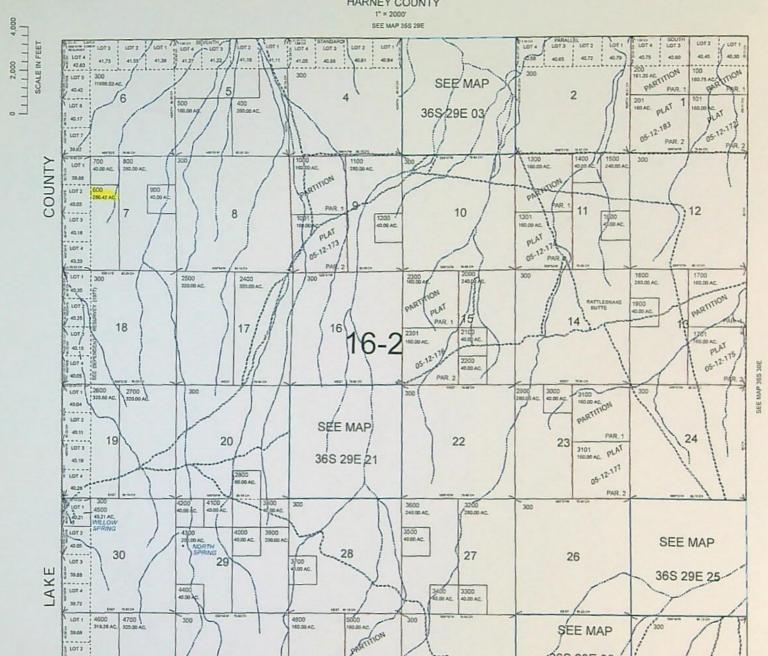
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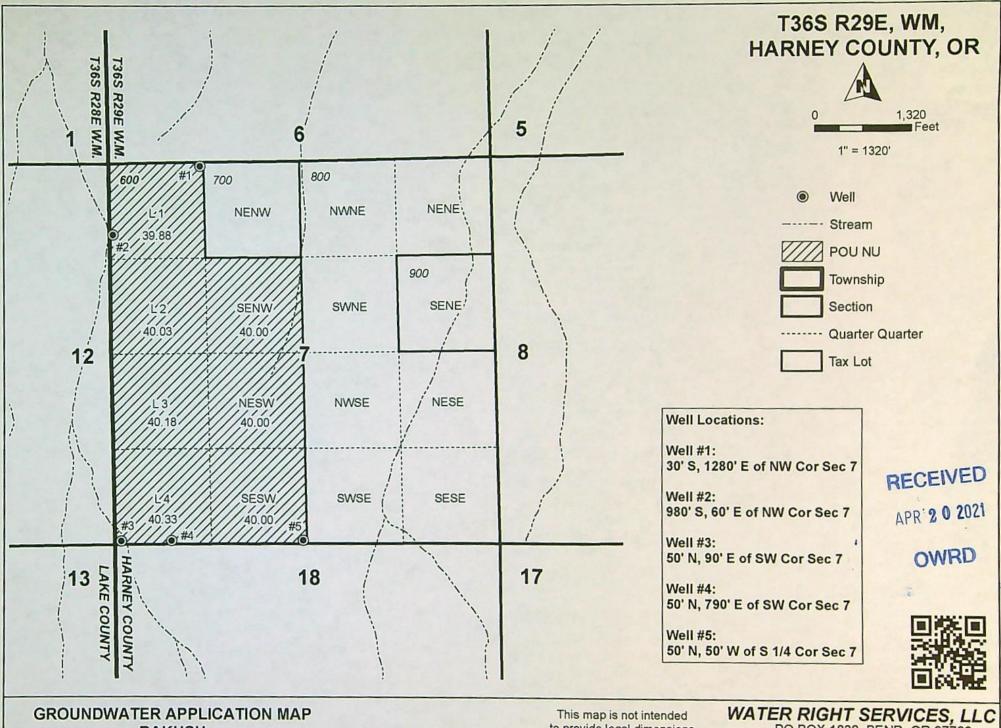
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Date: 4/5/2021

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Application for a Permit to Use

Groundwater

For Department Use: App. Number:

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SECTION 2: PROPERTY OWNERSHIP

Please indicate if you own all the lands associated with the project from which the water is to be dive conveyed, and used.	RECEIVED
YES, there are no encumbrances. YES, the land is encumbered by easements, rights of way, roads or other encumbrances.	APR 2 0 2021
NO, I have a recorded easement or written authorization permitting access. NO, I do not currently have written authorization or easement permitting access.	OWRD
NO, written authorization or an easement is not necessary, because the only affected lands I do no state-owned submersible lands, and this application is for irrigation and/or domestic use only (OR NO, because water is to be diverted, conveyed, and/or used only on federal lands.	
Affected Landowners: List the names and mailing addresses of all owners of any lands that are not the applicant and that are crossed by the proposed ditch, canal or other work, even if the applicant has written authorization or an easement from the owner. (Attach additional sheets if necessary).	owned by s obtained

Legal Description: You must provide the legal description of: 1. The property from which the water is to be diverted, 2. Any property crossed by the proposed ditch, canal or other work, and 3. Any property on which the water is to be used as depicted on the map.

SECTION 3: WELL DEVELOPMENT

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WELL NO.	NAME OF NEAREST SURFACE WATER	DISTANCE TO NEAREST SURFACE WATER	ELEVATION CHANGE BETWEEN NEAREST SURFACE WATER AND WELL HEAD
1	CAMPBELL LAKE		
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Please provide any information for your existing or proposed well(s) that you believe may be helpful in evaluating your application. For existing wells, describe any previous alteration(s) or repair(s) not documented in the attached well log or other materials (attach additional sheets if necessary).

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SECTION 3: WELL DEVELOPMENT, continued

Total maximum rate requested: 4.9 cfs (each well will be evaluated at the maximum rate unless you indicate well-specific rates and annual volumes in the table below).

The table below must be completed for each source to be evaluated or the application will be returned. If this is an existing well, the information may be found on the applicable well log. (If a well log is available, please submit it in addition to completing the table.) If this is a proposed well, or well-modification, consider consulting with a licensed well driller, geologist, or certified water right examiner to obtain the necessary information.

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OWNER'S WELL NAME OR NO.	PROPOSED	EXISTING	WELL ID (WELL TAG) NO.* OR WELL LOG ID**	FLOWING ARTESIAN	CASING DIAMETER	CASING INTERVALS (IN FEET)	PERFORATED OR SCREENED INTERVALS (IN FEET)	SEAL INTERVALS (IN FEET)	MOST RECENT STATIC WATER LEVEL & DATE (IN FEET)	SOURCE AQUIFER***	TOTAL WELL DEPTH	WELL- SPECIFIC RATE (GPM)	ANNUAL VOLUME (ACRE-FEET)
1	\boxtimes				8"	+1.5-32'		0-32'	97'	FRACTURED ROCK	405'		
2	\boxtimes				8"	+1.5-32'		0-32'	97'	FRACTURED ROCK	405'		
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^{*} Licensed drillers are required to attach a Department-supplied Well Tag, with a unique Well ID or Well Tag Number to all new or newly altered wells. Landowners can request a Well ID for existing wells that do not have one. The Well ID is intended to serve as a unique identification number for each well.

** A well log ID (e.g. MARI 1234) is assigned by the Department to each log in the agency's well log database. A separate well log is required for each subsequent alteration of the well.

*** Source aquifer examples: Troutdale Formation, gravel and sand, alluvium, basalt, bedrock, etc.

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SECTION 4: SENSITIVE, THREATENED OR ENDANGERED FISH SPECIES PUBLIC INTEREST INFORMATION

This information must be provided for your application to be accepted as complete. The Water Resources
Department will determine whether the proposed use will impair or be detrimental to the public interest with
regard to sensitive, threatened or endangered fish species if your proposed groundwater use is determined to have
the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface waters.

To answer the following questions, use the map provided in <u>Attachment 3</u> or the link below to determine whether the proposed point of appropriation (POA) is located in an area where the Upper Columbia, the Lower Columbia, and/or the Statewide public interest rules apply.

For more detailed information, click on the following link and enter the TRSQQ or the Lat/Long of a POA and click on "Submit" to retrieve a report that will show which section, if any, of the rules apply: https://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/lkp_trsqq_features/

If you need help to determine in which area the proposed POA is located, please call the customer service desk at (503) 986-0801.

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Is the well or proposed well located in an area where the Upper Columbia Rules apply?

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Yes No

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If yes, you are notified that the Water Resources Department will consult with numerous federal, state, local and tribal governmental entities so it may determine whether the proposed use is consistent with the "Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program" adopted by the Northwest Power Planning Council in 1994 for the protection and recovery of listed fish species. The application may be denied, heavily conditioned, or if appropriate, mitigation for impacts may be needed to obtain approval for the proposed use.

If yes, and if the Department determines that proposed groundwater use has the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface waters:

- I understand that the permit, if issued, will not allow use during the time period April 15 to September 30, except as provided in OAR 690-033-0140.
- I understand that the Department of Environmental Quality will review my application to determine if the
 proposed use complies with existing state and federal water quality standards.
- I understand that I will install and maintain water use measurement and recording devices as required by the Water Resources Department, and comply with recording and reporting permit condition requirements.

Lower Columbia - OAR 690-033-0220 thru -0230

Is the well or proposed well located in an area where the Lower Columbia rules apply?

☐ Yes ⊠ No

If yes, and the proposed groundwater use is determined to have the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface waters you are notified that the Water Resources Department will determine, by reviewing recovery plans, the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program, and regional restoration programs applicable to threatened or endangered fish species, in coordination with state and federal agencies, as

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appropriate, whether the proposed use is detrimental to the protection or recovery of a threatened or endangered fish species and whether the use can be conditioned or mitigated to avoid the detriment. If a permit is issued, it will likely contain conditions to ensure the water use complies with existing state and federal water quality standards; and water use measurement, recording and reporting required by the Water Resources Department. The application may be denied, or if appropriate, mitigation for impacts may be needed to obtain approval of the proposed use. If yes, you will be required to provide the following information, if applicable. Yes No The proposed use is for more than one cubic foot per second (448.8 gpm) and is not subject to the requirements of OAR 690, Division 86 (Water Management and Conservation Plans). If yes, provide a description of the measures to be taken to assure reasonably efficient water use: RECEIVED Statewide - OAR 690-033-0330 thru -0340 APR 2 0 2021 Is the well or proposed well located in an area where the Statewide rules apply? Yes No OWRD If yes, and the proposed groundwater use is determined to have the potential for substantial interference with nearby surface waters you are notified that the Water Resources Department will determine whether the proposed use will occur in an area where endangered, threatened or sensitive fish species are located. If so, the Water Resources Department, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Environmental Quality, and the Department of Agriculture will recommend conditions required to achieve "no loss of essential habitat of threatened and endangered (T&E) fish species," or "no net loss of essential habitat of sensitive (S) fish species." If conditions cannot be identified that meet the standards of no loss of essential T E fish habitat or no net loss of essential S fish habitat, the agencies will recommend denial of the application unless they conclude that the proposed use would not harm the species. **SECTION 5: WATER USE** USE PERIOD OF USE ANNUAL VOLUME (ACRE-FEET) NU Year-Round 1,400 For irrigation use only: Please indicate the number of primary and supplemental acres to be irrigated (must match map). Supplemental: Acres If you listed supplemental acres, list the Permit or Certificate number of the underlying primary water right(s): Indicate the maximum total number of acre-feet you expect to use in an irrigation season:

If the use is domestic, indicate the number of households: ____ (Exempt Uses: Please note that 15,000 gallons per day for single or group domestic purposes and 5,000 gallons per day for a single industrial or commercial purpose are exempt from

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permitting requirements.)

If the use is municipal or quasi-municipal, attach Form M

SECTION 6: WATER MANAGEMENT	RECEIVED
A. Diversion and Conveyance What equipment will you use to pump water from your well(s)?	APR 2 0 2021
 ✓ Pump (give horsepower and type): <u>TBD</u> ✓ Other means (describe): 	OWRD
Provide a description of the proposed means of diversion, construction, and operation and conveyance of water. Water will be piped from wells to nursery system.	tion of the diversion works
 Application Method What equipment and method of application will be used? (e.g., drip, wheel line, high-padditional sheets if necessary) 	oressure sprinkler) (attach
Drip.	
Programmed watering using controlled drip and sprinkler Conservation Please describe why the amount of water requested is needed and measures you promeasure the amount of water diverted; prevent damage to aquatic life and riparian discharge of contaminated water to a surface stream; prevent adverse impact to put waters (attach additional sheets if necessary). Programmed watering using controlled drip and sprinkler	habitat; prevent the blic uses of affected surface
SECTION 7: PROJECT SCHEDULE	
 a) Date construction will begin: 2021 b) Date construction will be completed: 2026 c) Date beneficial water use will begin: 2027 	
SECTION 8: RESOURCE PROTECTION	
n granting permission to use water the state encourages, and in some instances require ctivities that may affect adjacent waterway or streamside area. See instruction guide fequirements from other agencies. Please indicate any of the practices you plan to under	for a list of possible permit
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SECTION 9: WITHIN A DISTRICT	Г	OWRD
Check here if the point of appropriation irrigation or other water district.	n (POA) or place of use (POU) are	e located within or served by an
Irrigation District Name	Address	
n/a City	State	Zip

SECTION 10: REMARKS

Use this space to clarify any information you have provided in the application (attach additional sheets if necessary).

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Minimum Requirements Checklist

Minimum Requirements (OAR 690-310-0040, OAR 690-310-0050 & ORS 537.140)

Include this checklist with the application

Check that each of the following items is included. The application will be returned if all required items are not included. If you have questions, please call the Water Rights Customer Service Group at (503) 986-0900.

Please submit the original application and signatures to the Water Resources Department. Applicants are encouraged to keep a copy of the completed application.

	SECTION 1: SECTION 2: SECTION 3: SECTION 4: SECTION 5: SECTION 6: SECTION 7:	Applicant Information and Signature Property Ownership Well Development Sensitive, Threatened or Endangered Fish Species Public Interest Information Water Use Water Management Project Schedule	APR' 2 0 2021
X	SECTION 7:	Project Schedule	OWRD
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\boxtimes	SECTION 9:	Within a District	
\boxtimes	SECTION 10:	Remarks	

Include the following additional items:

- □ Land Use Information Form with approval and signature of local planning department (must be an original) or signed receipt.
- Provide the legal description of: (1) the property from which the water is to be diverted, (2) any property crossed by the proposed ditch, canal or other work, and (3) any property on which the water is to be used as depicted on the map.
- Fees Amount enclosed: \$5,010
 See the Department's Fee Schedule at www.oregon.gov/owrd_or_call (503) 986-0900.
- Map that includes the following items:
 - Permanent quality and drawn in ink
 - Even map scale not less than 4'' = 1 mile (example: 1'' = 400 ft, 1'' = 1320 ft, etc.)
 - North Directional Symbol
 - Township, Range, Section, Quarter/Quarter, Tax Lots
 - Reference corner on map
 - Location of each diversion, by reference to a recognized public land survey corner (distances north/south and east/west)
 - Indicate the area of use by Quarter/Quarter and tax lot identified clearly.
 - Number of acres per Quarter/Quarter and hatching to indicate area of use if for primary irrigation, supplemental irrigation, or nursery
 - n/a Location of main canals, ditches, pipelines or flumes (if well is outside of the area of use)

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Today's Date: Friday, April 2, 2021

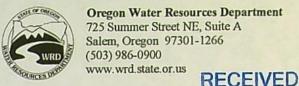
Base Application Fee.		\$1,340.00
Number of proposed cubic feet per second (cfs) to be appropriated. (1 cfs = 448.83 gallons per minute)	4.9	\$1,750.00
Number of proposed Use's for the appropriated water. (i.e. Irrigation, Supplemental Irrigation, Pond Maintenance, Industrial, Commercial, etc) *	1	
Number of proposed groundwater points of appropriation. (i.e. number of wells) (include all injection wells, if applicable) **	5	\$1,400.00
	Subtotal:	\$4,490.00
Permit Recording Fee. ***		\$520.00
* the 1st Water Use is included in the base cost. ** the 1st groundwater point of appropriation is included in the base cost. *** the Permit Recording Fee is not required when the application is submitted but, must be paid before a permit will be issued. It is fully refundable if a permit is not issued. If the recording fee is not paid prior to issuance of the Final Order, permit issuance will be delayed.	Recalculate	
Estimated cost of Permit Application		\$5,010.00

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NOTE TO APPLICANTS

In order for your application to be processed by the Water Resources Department (WRD), this Land Use Information Form must be completed by a local government planning official in the jurisdiction(s) where your water right will be used and developed. The planning official may choose to complete the form while you wait, or return the receipt stub to you. Applications received by WRD without the Land Use Form or the receipt stub will be returned to you. Please be aware that your application will not be approved without land use approval.

This form is NOT required if:

- 1) Water is to be diverted, conveyed, and/or used only on federal lands; OR
- 2) The application is for a water right transfer, allocation of conserved water, exchange, permit amendment, or ground water registration modification, and all of the following apply:
 - a) The existing and proposed water use is located entirely within lands zoned for exclusive farm-use or within an irrigation district;
 - b) The application involves a change in place of use only;
 - The change does not involve the placement or modification of structures, including but not limited to water diversion, impoundment, distribution facilities, water wells and well houses; and
 - d) The application involves irrigation water uses only.

NOTE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

The person presenting the attached Land Use Information Form is applying for or modifying a water right. The Water Resources Department (WRD) requires its applicants to obtain land-use information to be sure the water rights do not result in land uses that are incompatible with your comprehensive plan. Please complete the form or detach the receipt stub and return it to the applicant for inclusion in their water right application. You will receive notice once the applicant formally submits his or her request to the WRD. The notice will give more information about WRD's water rights process and provide additional comment opportunities. You will have 30 days from the date of the notice to complete the land-use form and return it to the WRD. If no land-use information is received from you within that 30-day period, the WRD may presume the land use associated with the proposed water right is compatible with your comprehensive plan. Your attention to this request for information is greatly appreciated by the Water Resources Department. If you have any questions concerning this form, please contact the WRD's Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801.

Land Use **Information Form**



Applicant(s): Allah Bakhsh

Mailing Address: 3125 Samuel Street

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Daytime Phone: Zip Code: 92504 OWRD City: Riverside State: CA

A. Land and Location

Please include the following information for all tax lots where water will be diverted (taken from its source), conveyed (transported), and/or used or developed. Applicants for municipal use, or irrigation uses within irrigation districts may substitute existing and proposed service-area boundaries for the tax-lot information requested below.

Township	Range	Section	1/4 1/4	Tax Lot #	Plan Designation (e.g., Rural Residential/RR-5)		Water to be:		Proposed Land Use:
36 S	29 E	7		600	EFRU-1	☑ Diverted	☑ Conveyed	⊠ Used	NU
						☐ Diverted	☐ Conveyed	☐ Used	
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						Diverted	☐ Conveyed	☐ Used	

List all counties and cities where water is proposed to be diverted, conveyed, and/or used or developed: Harney County. B. Description of Proposed Use Type of application to be filed with the Water Resources Department: Permit to Use or Store Water ☐ Water Right Transfer Permit Amendment or Ground Water Registration Modification Allocation of Conserved Water Limited Water Use License ☐ Exchange of Water Source of water: Reservoir/Pond Ground Water Surface Water (name) Estimated quantity of water needed: 4.9 a cubic feet per second gallons per minute acre-feet Commercial Intended use of water. Irrigation Industrial Domestic for household(s) Municipal Quasi-Municipal Other Nursery Use (NU) Instream Briefly describe: Groundwater application for water to be piped from wells for Nursery Use.

Note to applicant: If the Land Use Information Form cannot be completed while you wait, please have a local government representative sign the receipt at the bottom of the next page and include it with the application filed with the Water Resources Department.

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The following section must be completed by a planning official from each county and city listed unless the project will be located entirely within the city limits. In that case, only the city planning agency must complete this form. This deals only with the local land-use plan. Do not include approval for activities such as building or grading permits.

Please check the appropriate box below and provide the requested information					
Land uses to be served by the proposed water uses (including proposed construction) are allowed outright or are not regulated by your comprehensive plan. Cite applicable ordinance section(s): Hczo 3.010/EFEV-1					
☐ Land uses to be served by the proposed water listed in the table below. (Please attach docu Record of Action/land-use decision and acco periods have not ended, check "Being pur	mentation of applicable land-use approvals w impanying findings are sufficient.) If approve	hich have alrea	dy been obtained.		
Type of Land-Use Approval Needed (e.g., plan amendments, rezones, conditional-use permits, etc.)	Cite Most Significant, Applicable Plan Policies & Ordinance Section References	Land	d-Use Approval:		
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued		
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued		
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued		
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued		
		☐ Obtained ☐ Denied	☐ Being Pursued ☐ Not Being Pursued		
local zoning standards prior to construction or deve this zone, however staff encourages the applicant	vised that any agricultural structures proposed will relopment. Applicant provided "Nursery" as the propose contact the ODA prior to development to collect in production is allowable in Harney County, however	sed use. Agricult	ure is allowed outright in		
Name: Brandon M=Millen	Title:	YONOLY, D	rector		
Signature: The Cut	Phone: (3/1) 575-66		4/8/2021		
Government Entity: Harney County					
Note to local government representative: Ple sign the receipt, you will have 30 days from the Form or WRD may presume the land use associ	Water Resources Department's notice date to	return the com-	pleted I and Use Information		
Receipt f	or Request for Land Use Inform	ation	- Casarida		
Applicant name:					
City or County:	Staff contact:				
Signature:	Phone	Datas			

Harney County Real Legal Descriptions

4/2/2021 4:15:19 PM

Account #

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Map 36S29E0000-00600 Effective Date 01-Aug-2010 12:00 AM

Disclaimer

This information is maintained for assessment and taxation purposes only. The county is not responsible for possible errors, omissions, misuse, or misinterpretation. The legal description shown will not show any changes and/or

modifications thereto subsequent to the EFFECTIVE DATE.

Subdivision Block Lot Direction Part Part Type

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T 36 S., R 29 E.,W.M. TL 600 LAND IN HARNEY COUNTY, OREGON, AS FOLLOWS: IN TOWNSHIP 36 S., RANGE 29 E.,W.M. SECTION 7: LOTS 1 THRU 4; SE1/4NW1/4; E1/2SW1/4

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Yes
No

Standard Application Completeness Checklist

Groundwater and Surface Water Applications Only

Minimum Application Requirements (OAR 690-310-0040 &-0050)

Application #: G-19116 Applicant Name: Allah BakHSh Amount Requested: 4.9cf, Priority Date: 4.20-2021 County: Havney POD's TRS &TL: 36s, 29e, WM #: 10 Receipt #: 132025 Amount Requested: 4.9cf, Proposed Use: NU Caseworker: KF IL	LG L(
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Reviewed by: CM Reviewed Date: 4/77-1202	ation or			
Applicant/Organization Name and Mailing Address Signature of all applicants (include title or authority of representative if applicant is an organization or corporation). Note: Applicant's agent may NOT sign the application on behalf of the applicant. Property Ownership: Does the applicant own all the land for the proposed project? Yes No If No: The affected landowner's name(s) and mailing address(s) must be listed. A signed statement declaring the existence of either written authorization or an easement permitting				
access to land crossed by the proposed ditch canal or other work <u>must</u> be submitted. For a SW Application: Source of water must be indicated. If the source is stored water, is the stored water component filled out and does the applicant own the reservoir or include a non-expired agreement for stored water? (ORS 537.400) If for stored water, is the source authorized under a permit, certificate, or decree? Permit or Certificate issued: Y N Permit or Certificate #:				
be legally authorized first, under an existing water right, in order to accept and process an E2 application. For a GW Application: Well development table completed and a well log report included (if examples of the complete of the compl	existing)			
(Note: Primary and Supplemental Irrigation counts as 2 uses) Water Management Section Resource Protection Section				

Project schedule. (Note: If system is already completed, indicates "existing.", (Note: Estimates are okay if the water system has not been designed))
Supplemental data sheets enclosed (if needed)
Form M (Municipal or Quasi-Municipal)
A completed Land-Use Form or receipt signed and dated by the appropriate planning department. Please be certain that the Land-Use form lists all lands involved and all uses proposed. Date of signature must be within the past 12 months.
A Legal Description of all the properties involved where water is diverted, conveyed, and used. The legal description includes a metes and bounds or other government survey description. A copy of the deed, land sales contract or title insurance policy can provide this information, or applicant may submit a lot book report prepared by a title company. Copies of tax bills are not acceptable
The proposed source IS IS NOT restricted or withdrawn from further appropriation. NOTE: If it is withdrawn under ORS 538, reject/return application and fees.
The map must meet all the minimum requirements of OAR 690-310-0050.
Township, Range, Section
☑ Location of main canals, ditches, pipelines or flumes (if POA/POD is outside of POU)
☑ Place of use, ¼-¼'s and tax lot clearly identified
Even map scale not less than 4" = 1 mile (1"= 1320 ft.); examples: 1" = 100 ft., 1" = 200 ft.
Location of each diversion point or well by reference to a recognized public land survey corner.
Multiple wells shall be uniquely labeled, and identified on well logs, if existing.
☐ Reference corner on map
North directional symbol
Number of acres per ¼ ¼ if for irrigation, nursery, or agriculture
Fees: Amount of Water Requested: 4.9 cfs Name on Check: Allah Buhhsh.
Exam Fee Due: \$4490.00
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Exam Fee Due:	\$ 4490.00
Exam Fee Submitted:	\$ 4490.00
Difference:	\$ \$
Recording Fee Paid?	
Total:	\$ 5010.00



Water Resources Department

725 Summer St NE, Suite A Salem, OR 97301 (503) 986-0900 Fax (503) 986-0904

April 27, 2021

Allah Bakhsh 3125 Samuel Street Riverside, CA 92504

Dear Applicant:

The Oregon Water Resources Department has received your groundwater application for a water use permit. Your application has been assigned file number G -19116. Please refer to this number when contacting the Department. Should you have any questions about your application, please contact the following Water Rights Specialist assigned to your application:

Kim French, Water Rights Specialist	Phone: 503-986-0816		
Killi French, water Rights Specialist	Email: kim.r.french@oregon.gov		

A description of the steps that are used for processing a water right application are shown on the reverse side of this letter.

The first step in the water rights process is the completion of a groundwater review by the Department. This review can take approximately 6-9 months to complete, sometimes longer. Once the groundwater review is completed, you will receive a copy of an Initial Review that summarizes the Department's preliminary determinations. Copies of the Proposed Final Order and Final Order will also be mailed to you.

Please note that your application is subject to review and comment from other state agencies and interested parties.

Sincerely,

Cory Middleton Customer Service Representative Oregon Water Resources Department

cc: File John Short, Agent.

Water-Use Permit Application Processing Steps

Oregon Water Resources Department

1. Initial Review

The Department reviews the application to determine whether water is available during the period requested, whether the proposed use is restricted or limited by rule or statute, and whether other issues may preclude approval of or restrict the proposed use. An Initial Review (IR) containing preliminary determinations is mailed to the applicant. The applicant has 14 days from the mailing date to withdraw the application from further processing and receive a refund of all fees paid minus \$260. The applicant may put the application on hold for up to 180 days and may request additional time if necessary.

2. Public Notice

Within 7 days of the mailing of the initial review, the Department gives public notice of the application in the weekly notice published by the Department at www.oregon.gov/owrd. The public comment period is 30 days from publication in the weekly notice.

3. Proposed Final Order Issued

The Department reviews any comments received, including comments from other state agencies related to the protection of sensitive, threatened or endangered fish species. Within 60 days of completion of the Initial Review, the Department issues a Proposed Final Order (PFO) explaining the proposed decision to deny or approve the application. A PFO proposing approval of an application will include a draft permit, and may request additional information or outstanding fees required prior to permit issuance.

4. Public Notice

Within 7 days of issuing the PFO, the Department gives public notice in the weekly notice. Notice includes information about the application and the PFO. Protest must be received by the Department within 45 days after publication of the PFO in the weekly notice. Anyone may file a protest. The protest filing fee is \$410.00 for the applicant and \$810.00 for non-applicants. Protests are filed on approximately 10 percent of Proposed Final Orders. If a protest is filed the Department will attempt to settle the protest but will schedule a contested case hearing if necessary.

5. Final Order Issued

If no protests are filed, the Department can issue a Final Order within 60 days of the close of the period for receiving protest. If the application is approved, a permit is issued. The permit will specify the details of the authorized use and any terms, limitations or conditions that the Department deems appropriate.



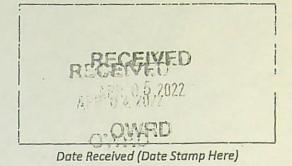


OWRD Over-the-Counter Submission Receipt

Applicant Name(s) & Address: Water Watch of Dregon Inc
213SWASh Suite 208 Portland OK 97214
Transaction Type: Protect 6-19116
Fees Received: \$ 950
□ Cash □ Check: Check No. 1007
Name(s) on Check: Waterwatch of Dregon In
Thank you for your submission. Oregon Water Resources Department (Department) staff will
review your submittal as soon as possible.
If your submission is determined to be complete, you will receive a receipt for the fees paid and an acknowledgement letter stating your submittal is complete.
If determined to be incomplete, your submission and the accompanying fees will be returned with an explanation of deficiencies that must be addressed in order for the submittal to be accepted.
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department's Customer Service staff at 503-986-0801 or 503-986-0810.
Sincerely, OWRD Customer Service Staff
Submission received by: Judy Devre (Name of OWRD staff)
Instructions for OWRD staff:
Complete this Submission Receipt, and make two (2) copies. Place one copy with the sheet/and and the sheet an

- Complete this Submission Receipt, and make two (2) copies. Place one copy with the check/cash; and place the other
 copy with the submission (i.e., the application or other document).
- Date-stamp all pages. (NOTE: Do not stamp check.)
- · Give this original Submission Receipt to the applicant.
- Record Submission Receipt information on the "RECEIVED OVER THE COUNTER" log sheet.
- Place the Submission Receipt with check/cash in the small top drawer (i.e., "Fiscal Pick Up Drawer"). Place the Submission Receipt with submission (application/other document) in the large bottom drawer.





OWRD Over-the-Counter Submission Receipt

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Applicant Name(s) & Address: Water Watch of Dregon Inc
2135WASh Suite 208 Portland OK 97214
Transaction Type: Protest 6-19116
Fees Received: \$ 150
Cash Check: Check No. 1007
Name(s) on Check: Waterwatch of Dregon W
Address on Check: 213 SW Ash Sutte
Thank you for your submission. Oregon Water Resources Department (Department) staff will review your submittal as soon as possible.
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