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City of Aumsville
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SUBJECT: Reclaimed Municipal Water Use **Registration RM-252**, related to NPDES Permit 101784

Dear Matthew:

The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) received your Registration of Reclaimed Municipal Water Use form on October 15, 2026, from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. The Registration form is complete and meets the requirements of ORS 537.131 and 537.132. OWRD assigned record **RM-252** to your Registration, which will be viewable online in our Water Rights Information System (WRIS) database.

This Registration allows the use of reclaimed municipal water under an exemption provided by ORS 537.132 rather than completing the process to obtain a formal water use permit. The registered exempt use is allowed only while the corresponding ODEQ facility discharge permit is in effect. This Registration must be renewed with OWRD when the DEQ facility discharge permit is renewed again in the future for the exempt use to continue.

If reclaimed municipal water use occurs instead of exercising existing water rights at the same location, ORS 540.610(2)(h) provides protection of those existing water rights from potential forfeiture due to extended non-use. It is prudent to document and maintain a record of your annual use of reclaimed municipal water.

Oregon's *Integrated Water Resources Strategy* encourages additional use of reclaimed municipal water to help keep our streams clean and reduce the demand on limited water supplies. Thank you for putting the strategy into action and using water wisely.

If you have any questions about this Registration letter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (503) 979-9544 or via e-mail at *Kerri.H.Cope@water.oregon.gov* if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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enclosure

cc: Registration File RM-252
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