

Water Resources Department

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GEORGE BURKE PO BOX 233 WESTLAKE, OR 97493 May 16, 2008

Reference: File S-87161

Dear Mr. Burke:

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE NEXT PHASE OF PROCESSING.

This letter is to inform you of the preliminary analysis of your water use permit application and to describe your options. In determining whether a water use permit 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 you have supplied, the Water Resources Department has made the following preliminary determinations:

Initial Review Determinations:

- 1. The application proposed the use of 0.005 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from Siltcoos Lake, a tributary of Siltcoos River for year-round domestic use for one household.
- 2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
- 3. The use of water from Siltcoos Lake, a tributary of Siltcoos River for domestic use is allowable under the Middle Coast Basin Program.
- 4. Surface water is available in the amount and for the full period requested.

Summary of Initial Determinations

The use of 0.005 CFS from Siltcoos Lake, a tributary of Siltcoos River for domestic use for one household is allowable year-round.

Because of these favorable determinations, the Department can now move your application to the next phase of the water rights application review process. This phase is where public interest factors will be evaluated.

This initial review does not attempt to address various public interest issues such as sensitive, threatened, or endangered fish species. These issues will be addressed as the Department reviews comments from the public and other agencies, and prepares a proposed final order. You should be aware that, if significant public interest issues are found to exist, such a finding could have an impact on the eventual outcome of your application.

The water source identified in your 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 Water Quality Program web site at http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/NRD/water_agplans.shtml to learn more about the plans and how they may affect your proposed water use.

If you have any questions:

Feel free to call me at 503-986-0808 if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or your application. Please have your application number available if you call. General questions about water rights and water use permits should be directed to our customer service staff at 503-986-0801. When corresponding by mail, please use this address: Brook Geffen, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

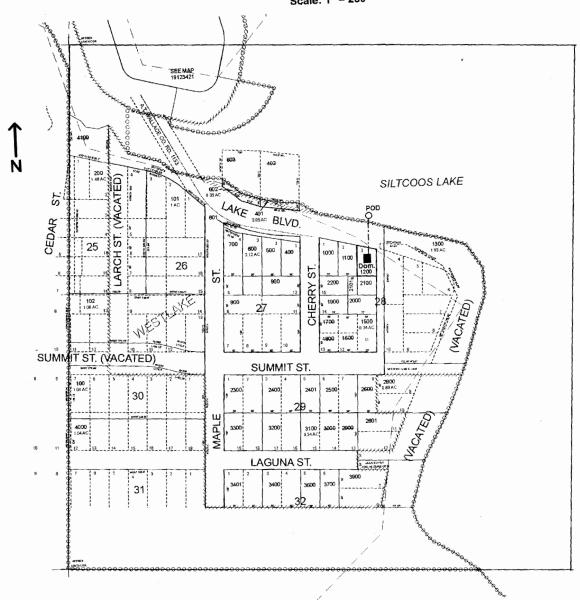
Sincerely,

Brook Geffen

Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

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