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ROBERT AND CHANDRA WALCHLI
32812 W SPEARMAN RD
HERMISTON, OR 97838

August 15, 2008

Reference: File G-17050

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Walchli:

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 requested the use of 40.0 gallons per minute, which is 0.09 cubic foot per second (CFS), of water from a well (UMAT 3738) in Hat Rock Drain Basin for irrigation use on 5.0 acres from March 1 through October 31 of each year.
2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
3. The use of water from a well (UMAT 3738) in Hat Rock Drain Basin for irrigation use is allowable under the Umatilla Basin Program.
4. Ground water will likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior rights and within the capacity of the resource.

The Department has determined, based upon OAR 690-009, that the proposed ground water use will not have the potential for substantial interference with any surface water source.

5. The standard allowable rate for irrigation use from ground water is 1/80 CFS per acre. Your application requested 0.09 CFS for 5.0 acres. If the application is approved, the rate allowed will be limited to 0.06 CFS (26.9 gallons per minute).

Summary of Initial Determinations

The use of 0.06 CFS from a well (UMAT 3738) in Hat Rock Drain Basin for irrigation use on 5.0 acres may be allowed during the full period requested, March 1 through October 31 of each year.

Because of the Department's determination, your application can be moved to the next phase of the water rights application review process where public interest factors will be evaluated. However, due to #5 above, your application will likely be limited accordingly.

Please reference the application number when sending any correspondence regarding the conclusions of this initial review. Comments received within the comment period will be evaluated at the next phase of the process.

At this time, you must decide whether to proceed or to withdraw your application as described below.

Withdrawal Refunds:

If you choose not to proceed, you may withdraw your application and receive a refund (minus a \$150 processing charge per application.) To accomplish this you must notify the Department in writing by **Friday, August 29, 2008**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

To Proceed With Your Application:

If you choose to proceed with your application, you do not have to notify the Department. Your application will automatically 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.

If A Permit Is Issued It Will Likely Include The Following Conditions:

1. Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. The Director may require the permittee to install a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director at each point of appropriation. If the Director notifies the permittee to install a totalizing flow meter or other measuring device, the permittee shall install such device within the period stated in the notice. Such installation period shall not be less than 90 days unless special circumstances warrant a shorter installation period. Once installed, the permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order and shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device. The

Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring procedures for review and approval.

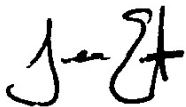
- B. The Director may require the permittee to keep and maintain a record of the amount (volume) of water used, and may require the permittee to report water use on a periodic schedule as established by the Director. In addition, the Director may require the permittee to report general water-use information, the periods of water use and the place and nature of use of water under the permit. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative reporting procedures for review and approval.

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 503-986-0859 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: Jeana Eastman, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,



Jeana Eastman
Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

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APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: G-17050

Applicant: ROBERT AND CHANDRA WALCHLI

County: Umatilla

Watermaster: 5

Priority Date: May 12, 2008

Source: A WELL (UMAT 3738) IN HAT ROCK DRAIN BASIN

Use: IRRIGATION USE ON 5.0 ACRES

Quantity: 0.09 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Umatilla, #7

Stream Index Reference: Volume 4A COLD SPR DR & MISC

Well Location: NWSE, SECTION 29, T5N, R29E, W.M.;522 FEET SOUTH AND 1320 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, NWSE, SECTION 29

Place of Use:

NW ¼ SE ¼ 5.0 ACRES
SECTION 29
TOWNSHIP 5 NORTH, RANGE 29 EAST, W.M.

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, August 29, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, August 19, 2008

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2008

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #G-17050

IR Date : August 15, 2008

Original mailed to applicant:

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Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File # G-17050
2. WRD - Water Availability: Ken Stahr

<p>Copies Mailed</p> <p>By: _____ (SUPPORT STAFF)</p> <p>on: _____ (DATE)</p>

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

3. WRD - Regional Manager (not SCR): NC
4. WRD - Watermaster # 5
5. Department of Agriculture

Caseworker: Jeana Eastman

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