

Oregon Water Resources Department  
Water Rights Division

Water Rights Application  
Number G-15840

**Final Order**

*Appeal Rights*

This is a final order in other than contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-0080 you may either petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

This statement of judicial review rights does not create a right to judicial review of this order, if judicial review is otherwise precluded by law. Where no changes have been made to a Proposed Final Order on a water right application and no protests have been filed during the protest period, the final order is not subject to judicial review.

*Application History*

On September 18, 2002, Rainbow Water District submitted an application to the Department for a water use permit. The Department issued a Proposed Final Order on March 18, 2008. The protest period closed May 2, 2008, and no protest was filed.

On April 30, 2008, the Department received a Request for Standing from Springfield Utility Board that indicated it's support of the Proposed Final Order as issued.

The proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

**Order**

Application G-15840 is therefore approved. Upon payment of outstanding fees in the amount of \$300.00, a permit shall be issued authorizing the proposed water use.

Failure to meet this requirement within 60 days from the date of this Final Order may result in the proposed rejection of the application.

*If you need to request additional time, your written request should be received in the Salem office of the Department within 60 days of this Final Order. The Department will evaluate the request and determine whether or not the request may be approved.*

DATED September 18, 2008

*E. Timothy Wall*

for Phillip C. Ward, Director  
Water Resources Department

*This document was prepared by Brook Geffen. If you have any questions about any of the statements contained in this document I am most likely the best person to answer your questions. You can reach me at 503-986-0808.*

*If you have previously filed a protest and want to know its status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-986-0820.*

*If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801.*

*Address all other correspondence to: Water Rights Section, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266, Fax: 503-986-0901.*

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This is not a permit.

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STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF LANE

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT  
PO BOX 8  
SPRINGFIELD, OR 97477

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-15840

SOURCE OF WATER: WELL 1 (LANE 11118) AND WELL 2 (LANE 11119) IN MCKENZIE RIVER BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: MUNICIPAL USE

MAXIMUM RATE: 7.0 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND, BEING 3.05 CFS FROM WELL 1 (LANE 11118) AND 3.95 CFS FROM WELL 2 (LANE 11119)

PERIOD OF USE: YEAR ROUND

DATE OF PRIORITY: SEPTEMBER 18, 2002

WELL LOCATIONS:

WELL 1 (LANE 11118): NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SECTION 15, T17S, R3W, W.M.; 480 FEET SOUTH & 630 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 15

WELL 2 (LANE 11119): NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , SECTION 15, T17S, R3W, W.M.; 1030 FEET SOUTH & 580 FEET EAST FROM THE NW CORNER OF SECTION 15

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF RAINBOW WATER DISTRICT

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director at each point of appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order, shall keep a complete record of the amount of water used each month, and shall submit

a 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.

- B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter or measuring device; provided however, where the meter or measuring device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.

Use of any or all water under this permit is only allowed if an Intergovernmental Agreement is in place between the Rainbow Water District and the Springfield Utility Board that addresses injury issues with senior users.

The water user shall develop a plan to monitor and report the impact of water use under this permit on water levels within the aquifer that provides water to the permitted well(s). The plan shall be submitted to the Department within one year of the date the permit is issued and shall be subject to the approval of the Department. At a minimum, the plan shall include a program to periodically measure static water levels within the permitted well(s) or an adequate substitute such as water levels in nearby wells. The plan shall also stipulate a reference water level against which any water-level declines will be compared. If a well listed on this permit (or replacement well) displays a total static water-level decline of 25 or more feet over any period of years, as compared to the reference level, then the water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s). Such action shall be taken until the water level recovers to above the 25-foot decline level or until the Department determines, based on the water user's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or senior water rights. The water user shall in no instance allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit.

#### **STANDARD 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.

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 not be valid, unless the Department authorizes the change in writing.

If substantial interference with 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 in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port, and may also include an air line and pressure gauge adequate to determine water level elevation in the well at all times.

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.

Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit the results of a pump test meeting the department's standards, to the Water Resources Department. The Director may require water level or pump test results every ten years thereafter.

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.

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.

The use of water shall be limited when it interferes with any prior surface or ground water rights.

The permit holder shall commence and complete the construction of any proposed works within 20 years from the date of permit issuance. The Department may order and allow an extension of time to complete construction or to perfect a water right beyond 20 years from the date of permit issuance.

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 (CWRE).

Issued \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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for Phillip C. Ward, Director  
Water Resources Department