

Water Resources Department

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November 7, 2008

UMPQUA BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION INC. 4972 GARDEN VALLEY RD ROSEBURG, OR 97470

Reference: File S-87299

Dear Applicant:

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:

<u>Initial Review Determinations:</u>

- 1. The application proposed to use 1.5 cubic feet per second (CFS) from North Umpqua River, a tributary of Umpqua River, for commercial and industrial use year-round.
- 2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
- 3. The use of water from North Umpqua River, a tributary of Umpqua River, for commercial and industrial use is allowable under the Umpqua Basin Program.
- 4. An assessment of water availability has been completed, a copy of which is in the file. This assessment compared a calculation of natural streamflow minus the consumptive portion of all relevant rights of record. The assessment determined water is not available for further appropriation (at 80 percent exceedance probability) because water has been fully appropriated by senior water rights. However, pursuant to a settlement agreement entered into by the Oregon Water Resources Department, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Douglas County, seven (7) CFS of additional water is available for human consumption, domestic, domestic expanded, industrial, commercial, irrigation, and agricultural use. As of the date of this application, 0.09 CFS of the total 1.5 CFS for commercial and industrial has been appropriated. Your application requested 1.5 CFS. If the application is approved, the rate allowed will be limited to 1.41 CFS.

Summary of Initial Determinations

The use of 1.41 CFS from North Umpqua River, a tributary of Umpqua River, for commercial and industrial use may be allowed during the full period requested, year-round.

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 #4 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, November 21, 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. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of diversion. The permittee shall maintain the meter(s) in good working order. The permittee 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(s); provided however, where any meter is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- 2. You may be required to install fish screens at the point of diversion to meet Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife specifications for adequate protection of aquatic life.

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 503-986-0815 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: Joel Plahn, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,

Joel Plahn

Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

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APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: S-87299

Applicant: UMPQUA BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION INC

County: Douglas

Watermaster: 15

Priority Date: September 29, 2008

Source: NORTH UMPQUA RIVER, A TRIBUTARY OF UMPQUA RIVER

Use: COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USE

Quantity: 1.5 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Umpqua, #16

Stream Index Reference: Volume 2A N UMPQUA R

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14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, November 21, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, November 11, 2008

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, December 11, 2008

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #S-87299

Original mailed to applicant:

BRAD JOHNSON UMPQUA BASIN WATER ASSOCIATION INC, 4972 GARDEN VALLEY RD, ROSEBURG, OR 97470

Copies sent to:

- 1. WRD File # S-87299
- 2. WRD Water Availability: Ken Stahr

Copies Mailed By: (SUPPORT STAFF) on: (DATE)

IR Date: November 7, 2008

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies VIA EMAIL sent to:

- 3. WRD Regional Manager (not SCR): SW
- 4. WRD Watermaster # 15 (include Division 33 form)
- 5. ODFW: (include Division 33 form)6. DEQ: (include Division 33 form)

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

7. Department of Agriculture

Affected Landowners (include "Notice of Initial Review--Affected Landowner"):

Copies sent to Other Interested Persons (CWRE, Agent, Well Driller, Commenter, etc.)

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Caseworker: Joel Plahn

REMINDER: Copy all IR's for uses in the Klamath Basin to DEQ and ODFW contacts, regardless of whether they are subject to Division 33. (If they are not subject to Division 33, do not include Division 33 forms.)