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AARON AND JOSEPH ARRIOLA
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February 27, 2009

Reference: File G-17117

Dear Applicants:

**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 0.38 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from three wells in Willow Creek Basin, being 0.126 CFS from Well 1, 0.126 CFS from Well 2, and 0.126 CFS from Well 3 (MALH 2725), for irrigation use on 50.0 acres, from February 15 through September 1 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 Well 1, Well 2 and Well 3 (MALH 2725) in Willow Creek Basin for irrigation use is allowable under the Malheur Basin Program.

If properly conditioned, the proposed use of ground water will avoid injury to existing ground water rights and the resource.

4. The Department has determined, based upon OAR 690-009, that the proposed ground water use will have the potential for substantial interference with Willow Creek. Therefore, in accordance with OAR 690-400-0010(11)(a)(B), surface water availability must also be considered.

Surface water is not available at any time of year.

5. The irrigation season will be limited to the standard season of March 1 through October 31 of each year. Your period of allowed use will therefore be limited to the period during which your proposed season coincides with the standard irrigation season, from March 1 through September 1 of each year.
6. The Department has determined that there are deficiencies with your application. Please refer to the **Additional Information Required** section below for specific information regarding deficiencies with the application.

Summary of Allowable Water Use

Because not all items above are favorable, the use of 0.38 CFS of water, limited to 0.126 CFS each from Well 1, Well 2 and Well 3 (MALH 2725) in Willow Creek Basin for irrigation use on 50.0 acres is not allowable, and it appears unlikely that you will be issued a permit. At this time, you must decide whether to proceed or to withdraw your application as described below.

Additional Information Required:

Although it is unlikely that a permit will be issued, if the Department's findings change, additional information will be required prior to issuance of any permit.

Under OAR 690-005-0035 (2)(d), the Department must receive a completed Land Use Information Form or a receipt signed and dated by the relevant planning jurisdiction that states the proposed use of water and location(s) where water will be **diverted, conveyed, and used** comply with the local acknowledged comprehensive land-use plan.

The Land Use form that you submitted includes only the tax lots where the water will be used. **Please submit a completed Land Use Form which includes all locations where water will be diverted, conveyed, and used.**

Please submit this information no later than March 27, 2009. If you are unable to submit the information listed above, you may request an administrative hold for up to an additional 180 days. You must submit the request in writing, stating how much more time you will need and why you need additional time. If an administrative hold is granted, your application will not be processed further until the requested information is received or the extended deadline has passed.

If we do not receive the items requested above or a request for an administrative hold by this date, the Department will likely proceed with a Proposed Final Order recommending denial of the application.

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.

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, March 13, 2009**. 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 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.
 - 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.
 - C. 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.
2. Prior to using water from any well listed on this permit, the permittee shall ensure that the well has been assigned an OWRD Well Identification Number (Well ID tag), which shall be permanently attached to the well. The Well ID shall be used as a reference in any correspondence regarding the well, including any reports of water use, water level, or pump test data.
3. To monitor the effect of water use from the well(s) authorized under this permit, the Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water level measurements. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

Measurements must be made according to the following schedule:

Before Use of Water Takes Place

Initial and Annual Measurements

The Department requires the permittee to report an initial water level measurement in the month specified above once well construction is complete and annually thereafter until use of water begins; and

After Use of Water has Begun

Seven Consecutive Annual Measurements

Following the first year of water use, the user shall report seven consecutive annual static water level measurements. The first of these seven annual measurements will establish the reference level against which future annual measurements will be compared. Based on an analysis of the data collected, the Director may require the user to obtain and report additional annual static water level measurements beyond the seven year minimum reporting period. The additional measurements may be required in a different month. If the measurement requirement is stopped, the Director may restart it at any time.

All measurements shall be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board and be submitted to the Department on forms provided by the Department. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Identify each well with its associated measurement; and
- B. Measure and report water levels to the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method used to obtain each well measurement; and
- D. Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

The water user shall discontinue use of, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal from, the well(s) if any of the following events occur:

- A. Annual water level measurements reveal an average water level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- B. Annual water level measurements reveal a water level decline of 15 or more feet in fewer than five consecutive years; or
- C. Annual water level measurements reveal a water level decline of 25 or more feet; or
- D. Hydraulic interference leads to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority.

The period of non-use or restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or until the Department determines, based on the permittee'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. If more than one well is involved, the water user may submit an alternative measurement and reporting plan for review and approval by the Department.

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 503-986-0853 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: Michele McAleer, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michele McAleer".

Michele McAleer
Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

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WAB 10-31011901
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GW

APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: G-17117

Applicant: AARON AND JOSEPH ARRIOLA

County: MALHEUR

Watermaster: 9

Priority Date: October 03, 2008

Source: WELL 1, WELL 2 AND WELL 3 IN WILLOW CREEK BASIN

Use: IRRIGATION USE ON 50.0 ACRES

Quantity: 0.378 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: MALHEUR, #10

Stream Index Reference: Volume 2 WILLOW CR MISC

Well Locations:

WELL 1: NWSW, SECTION 13, T16 S, R43 E, W.M.; 1740 FEET NORTH AND 20 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 13

WELL 2: NWSW, SECTION 13, T16 S, R43 E, W.M.; 1950 FEET NORTH AND 850 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 13

WELL 3 (MALH 2725): SWSW, SECTION 13, T16 S, R43 E, W.M.; 1140 FEET NORTH AND 980 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 13

Place of Use:

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 25.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 25.0 ACRES
SECTION 24
TOWNSHIP 16 SOUTH, RANGE 43 EAST, W.M.

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, March 13, 2009

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, March 3, 2009

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2009

Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #G-17117

IR Date: February 27, 2009

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1. WRD - File # G-17117
2. WRD - Water Availability: Ken Stahr

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent via e-mail to:

3. WRD - Regional Manager: ER
4. WRD - Watermaster # 9

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

5. Department of Agriculture

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

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

6. Stewart R. Edwards, CWRE #36234, CK3, LLC., 368 SW 5th Avenue, Ontario OR 97914

Caseworker: Michele McAleer

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