

Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Rights Division

Water Rights Application
Number G-17017

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 March 3, 2008, Jamie Olsen and Olsen Agriculture submitted an application to the Department for a water use permit. The Department issued a Proposed Final Order on February 2, 2010. The protest period closed March 19, 2010, and no protest was filed.

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

Order

Application G-17017 is therefore approved as proposed by the Proposed Final Order. Upon payment of outstanding fees in the amount of \$400, 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 April 23, 2010

E. Timothy Ward

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.

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STATE OF OREGON

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COUNTY OF POLK

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

OLSEN AGRICULTURE
14115-DEARMOND RD
MONMOUTH, OR 97361-9746

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-17017

SOURCE OF WATER: A WELL (POLK 52721) IN BERRY CREEK BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: COMMERCIAL USE, POND MAINTENANCE OF VIRIDIAN RESERVOIR (CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-14683) AND WOODSEN RESERVOIR (TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-XXXXX, APPLICATION R-87103), AND IRRIGATION OF 275.0 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 0.036 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE:

COMMERCIAL USE - SEPTEMBER 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30

POND MAINTENANCE - MARCH 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

IRRIGATION USE - MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: MARCH 3, 2008

WELL LOCATION: NWNW, SECTION 36 (DLC 64), T9S, R5W, W.M.; 2900 FEET SOUTH AND 1210 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SMITH COLLINS DLC 64

The amount of water used for irrigation under this right, together with the amount secured under any other right existing for the same lands, is limited to a diversion of ONE-EIGHTIETH of one cubic foot per second and 2.5 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMERCIAL USES

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

POND MAINTENANCE

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

IRRIGATION

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 17.3 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 29.5 ACRES
SECTION 25

COMMERCIAL USES

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

IRRIGATION

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 1.7 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 22.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.6 ACRES
SECTION 26

COMMERCIAL USES

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$

IRRIGATION

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 17.4 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 29.5 ACRES
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 11.1 ACRES
SECTION 35

COMMERCIAL USES

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

IRRIGATION

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.6 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 40.0 ACRES
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 3.9 ACRES
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 1.4 ACRES
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 14.0 ACRES

POND MAINTENANCE

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$

SECTION 36

TOWNSHIP 9 SOUTH, RANGE 5 WEST, W.M.

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 appropriation. The permittee shall maintain the meter in good working order.
- B. 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.
- C. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the meter; provided however, where any meter is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
- D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The reference water level shall be determined by data collected under Application LL-1102. This measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

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. Measurements shall be submitted on forms provided by, or specified by, the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well log ID; and
- B. Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method of 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 restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or 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 causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not 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.

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.

At the time of certification, the total rate allowed for pond maintenance may be reduced, in accordance with Departmental standards, so as to be commensurate with the certified volume(s) of the reservoir(s).

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 be subject to cancellation, 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.

If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing a point of appropriation, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy OAR 635-415. For purposes of mitigation, the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Goals and Standards, OAR 635-415, shall be followed.

The use may be restricted if the quality of downstream waters decreases to the point that those waters no longer meet existing state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.

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 to the Water Resources Department the results of a pump test meeting the Department's standards for each point of appropriation (well), unless an exemption has been obtained in writing under OAR 690-217. The Director may require water-level or pump-test data 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.

Completion of construction and application of the water shall be made within five years of the date of permit issuance. If beneficial use of permitted water has not been made before this date, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after making beneficial use of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

Issued

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for Phillip C. Ward, Director
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