Oregon Water Resources Department

Water Right Services Division

Water Rights Application Number G-16016

Final Order Extension of Time for Permit Number G-15661 Permit Holder: Red Hills Farms LLC

Appeal Rights

This is a final order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. A request 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 file 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.

Application History

Permit G-15661 was issued by the Department on July 1, 2004. The permit called for complete application of water to beneficial use by October 1, 2008. On November 8, 2010, Red Hills Farms LLC submitted to the Department an Application for Extension of Time for Permit G-15661. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on June 28, 2011, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to fully apply water to beneficial use to October 1, 2021. The protest period closed August 12, 2011, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

The Department adopts and incorporates by reference the Proposed Final Order dated June 28, 2011.

At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, the permit may be extended subject to the following condition:

CONDITION

1. Checkpoint Condition

The permit holder must submit a completed Progress Report Form to the Department by October 1, 2016 and October 1, 2021. A form will be enclosed with your Final Order.

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- (a) At each checkpoint, the permit holder shall submit and the Department shall review evidence of the permit holder's diligence towards completion of the project and compliance with terms and conditions of the permit and extension. If, after this review, the Department determines the permit holder has not been diligent in developing and perfecting the water use permit, or complied with all terms and conditions, the Department shall modify or further condition the permit or extension to ensure future compliance, or begin cancellation proceedings on the undeveloped portion of the permit pursuant to ORS 537.260 or 537.410, or require submission of a final proof survey pursuant to ORS 537.250;
- (b) The Department shall provide notice of receipt of progress reports in its weekly notice and shall allow a 30 day comment period for each report. The Department shall provide notice of its determination to anyone who submitted comments.

The applicant has demonstrated good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.630, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0040(2).

<u>Order</u>

The extension of time for Application G-16016, Permit G-15661, therefore, is approved subject to the condition contained herein. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use within the terms and conditions of the permit is extended from October 1, 2008 to October 1, 2021.

DATED: September 15, 2011

Dwight W. French

Water Rights Services Division Administrator, for

PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

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