

Water Resources Department

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Reference: File G-17738

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 an 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 materials described the proposed uses as "primary irrigation", "primary irrigation to make up a deficiency in rate", and "supplemental irrigation". The use of these terms in the application is not entirely consistent with how the Department defines them.

Primary irrigation indicates lands that do not have any existing irrigation rights. The Department has determined that primary irrigation for this application totals 1,160.0 acres. (This is slightly higher than the 1,091.9 acres described in the application materials as "non-deficiency" acres.)

Primary irrigation to make up a deficiency in rate indicates lands that have an existing irrigation right(s) that are not at the maximum limit (e.g. 1/40 cubic foot per second per acre), and another water authorization *from the same source* is being sought. The acreage described in the application materials as "primary irrigation to make up a deficiency in rate" is actually "supplemental irrigation" because the underlying rights are surface water permits, and therefore a different source than this ground water application.

Supplemental irrigation indicates lands that have an existing irrigation right(s) and another water authorization *from a different source* is being sought. The Department has determined that supplemental irrigation for this application totals 8,012.29 acres.

2. After a discussion with Jason Melady, your agent, the Department understands your intention was to pursue a ground water permit on lands with existing surface water rights that would allow concurrent pumping of ground water and surface water. It is now clearer as to why the application described the proposed uses in such a way.

Semantics aside, pumping concurrently from two different sources onto the same lands would result in a conflict and is not allowable. However, what may be allowed is pumping from a primary source for primary irrigation until that source is exhausted (water is no longer available) and then pumping from a different source for supplemental irrigation. These two sources will have maximum instantaneous rates (volume per unit time), maximum limits (volume per unit time per acre), and maximum duties (annual volume per acre) that would be additive and could not be exceeded between them.

- 3. The Department therefore has interpreted that the application is proposing the appropriation of 22.3 cubic feet per second (CFS) of water from Wells 1 through 7 in Columbia River Basin for primary irrigation of 1,160.0 acres and supplemental irrigation of 8,012.29 acres March 1 through October 31 of each year.
- 4. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
- 5. The appropriation of water from Wells 1 through 7 in Columbia River Basin for irrigation is allowable under the Umatilla Basin Program.
- 6. Ground water will likely be available within the capacity of the resource, and if properly conditioned, the proposed use of ground water will avoid injury to existing ground water rights.
  - The Department has determined, based upon OAR 690-009, that the proposed ground water use will not have the potential for substantial interference with any surface water source.
- 7. The Department was unable to find 75.41 primary acres and 1.0 supplemental acre on the map that were included in the totals provided on the application form. Therefore the primary and supplemental totals in determination #3 exclude these amounts.
- 8. Although it does not appear your intention can be accomplished with this application, if you'd like to pursue a permit anyway, please provide a revised map that labels the acreage correctly as "primary" and "supplemental". You may use the attached "Application Fact Sheet" for reference.
  - Please also consider if you'd like to include the 75.41 primary acres and 1.0 supplemental acre addressed in determination #7.
- 9. The standard allowable rate for irrigation use from ground water is 1/80 CFS per acre. In the absence of other information, if the application is approved, the rate allowed will be limited to 14.5 CFS for primary irrigation of 1,160.0 acres.
  - However, Oregon Revised Statute 537.621(4) allows the Department to consider and authorize a rate that is higher than the general basin-wide standard. If you would like to provide additional information for the Department to consider, please do so by **Thursday**, **August 21, 2014**. If you need additional time, you may send a written request for up to 180 days. If we do not receive additional information to consider or a hold request by this date, the Department will limit the rate to 14.5 CFS for primary irrigation of 1,160.0 acres.
- 10. Prior to permit issuance, if one is issued, the Department must receive evidence that you have written authorization or an easement permitting access to lands not owned by you.

#### **Summary of Initial Determinations**

The appropriation of ground water from Wells 1 through 7 in Columbia River Basin is allowable during the full period requested, March 1 through October 31 of each year.

The maximum rate allowable is 22.3 cubic feet per second (CFS), further limited to 14.5 CFS for primary irrigation of 1,160.0 acres and up to 22.3 CFS for supplemental irrigation of 8,012.29 acres.

Because of these favorable determinations, the Department can now move your application to the next phase of the water-rights application review process, where public-interest factors will be evaluated.

Please reference the application number when sending correspondence regarding the conclusions of this initial review. Comments received within the comment period will be evaluated at the next phase of the process.

### 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.

#### Withdrawal Refunds:

If you choose not to proceed, you may withdraw your application and receive a refund (minus a \$225 processing charge per application). To accomplish this you must notify the Department in writing by **Friday**, **August 1**, **2014**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

#### If A Permit Is Issued It Will Likely Include The Following Conditions:

- 1. Measurement devices, and recording/reporting of annual water use 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 device in good working order.
  - B. The permittee shall allow the watermaster access to the device; provided however, where any device is located within a private structure, the watermaster shall request access upon reasonable notice.
  - C. The permittee shall keep a complete record of the volume of water diverted each month, and shall submit a report which includes 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.
  - D. The Director may provide an opportunity for the permittee to submit alternative measuring and reporting procedures for review and approval.

- 2. Dedicated Measuring Tube: Wells with pumps shall be equipped with a minimum 3/4-inch diameter, unobstructed, dedicated measuring tube pursuant to figure 200-5 in OAR 690-200. If a pump has been installed prior to the issuance of this permit, and if static water levels and pumping levels can be measured using an electrical tape, then the installation of the measuring tube can be delayed until such time that water levels cannot be measured or the pump is repaired or replaced.
- 3. The wells shall allow ground water production only from the alluvial ground water reservoir above the Columbia River Basalts.
- 4. The permittee shall construct two minimum six-inch diameter observation wells to penetrate the same aquifer as the production wells. The wells shall meet the Department's minimum well construction standards, and shall be cased and sealed to the same depth as the production wells. The wells shall be constructed at a location approved by the Department for the purpose of instrumentation with continuous water-level monitoring equipment. The landowner or permittee shall provide access to Department staff to install and maintain the monitoring equipment. The wells shall not be used for any other purpose while the Department is monitoring water levels. The wells shall be completed prior to water use under the terms of any permit issued.
- 5. 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.
- 6. If substantial interference with surface water or 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.
- 7. 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 3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

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 <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/NRD/water\_agplans.shtml">http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/NRD/water\_agplans.shtml</a> 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 503-986-0812 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: Jeana Eastman, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,

Jeana Eastman

Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

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## **APPLICATION FACT SHEET**

Application File Number: G-17738

Applicant: JAKE MADISON, MADISON RANCHES

County: Umatilla

Watermaster: 5

Priority Date: November 19, 2013

Source: WELL 1 THROUGH WELL 7 IN COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

Use: PRIMARY IRRIGATION OF 1,160.0 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF

8,012.29 ACRES

Quantity: 22.3 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Umatilla, #7

Stream Index Reference: Volume 3A COLUMBIA R & MISC

Well Locations:

WELL 1: SESW, SECTION 1, T4N, R25E, W.M.; 1230 FEET NORTH AND 1330 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 1

WELL 2: SESW, SECTION 1, T4N, R25E, W.M.; 120 FEET NORTH AND 2500 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 1

WELL 3: NWSE, SECTION 1, T4N, R25E, W.M.; 1500 FEET NORTH AND 2660 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 1

WELL 4: SWNE, SECTION 1, T4N, R25E, W.M.; 2878 FEET NORTH AND 3120 FEET EAST FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 1

WELL 5: NWNE, SECTION 12, T4N, R25E, W.M.; 740 FEET SOUTH AND 1860 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 12

WELL 6: NWNE, SECTION 12, T4N, R25E, W.M.; 150 FEET SOUTH AND 1780 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 12

WELL 7: NESE, SECTION 1, T4N, R25E, W.M.; 2500 FEET NORTH AND 100 FEET WEST FROM SE CORNER, SECTION 1

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14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, August 1, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, July 22, 2014

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, August 21, 2014

## Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #G-17738

Original mailed to applicant:

JAKE MADISON MADISON RANCHES, 29299 MADISON RD, ECHO, OR 97826

**SENT VIA EMAIL:** 

applicant - jake@madisonranches.com

agent - <u>jmelady@gsiws.com</u> WRD -Watermaster # 5

Copies sent to:

1. WRD - File # G-17738

Copies Mailed
By:

(PORT STAFF)
on:
(DATE)

IR Date: July 18, 2014

IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:

1. WRD - Regional Manager (not SCR): NC

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

1. PORT OF MORROW, ATTN: GARY NEIL

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Affected District (include "Notice of Initial Review--Affected District")

1. ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 73120 WHY 207, ECHO OR 97826

Caseworker: Jeana Eastman

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## APPLICATION PROCESS DESCRIPTION FOR GROUNDWATER. SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS

In order to take and use the waters of Oregon, a citizen must first obtain a permit from the Water Resources Department. The water must be used for beneficial purpose - without waste. To become well-informed about water right topics, weekly public notice, forms and fees please visit our web site at www.wrd.state.or.us

#### 1. Pre-application considerations

- follow instructions in the application packet
- if you have questions about completing an application or would like to arrange a pre-application conference contact the Department's Water Rights Information Group (WRIG) at 503-986-0801

#### 2. Application filing

- application with fee is received by the Department
- Department determines completeness of application
- if use is not allowed by statute (ORS 538), the application and fees are returned to the applicant
- incomplete application and fees are returned to the applicant
   only a complete application receives a tentative priority date, is assigned a caseworker, and moves forward for processing

#### 3. Initial Review (IR)

- caseworker reviews application by considering basin plans, water availability, statutory restrictions and all other appropriate factors
- caseworker sends IR report to applicant
- contact the caseworker if you have questions about the IR
- seven days after date of the IR, it is included in Department's weekly Public Notice
- public comments must be submitted within 30 days after the Public Notice
- administrative hold may be requested in writing by applicant

#### 4. Proposed Final Order (PFO)

- caseworker evaluates application against required criteria and develops draft permit, if appropriate
- PFO includes instructions for filing of protests
- caseworker considers public comments and mails PFO to applicant
- the PFO is included in Department's weekly Public Notice
- public protests to the PFO must be submitted within 45 days after the Public Notice

#### Stop Processing deadline is within 14 days of Initial Review - use the form below

- applicant may request no further action and fee refund of all but \$225

STOP PROCESSING REQUEST FOR
GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS
pplicant notification to withdraw Water Right Application #
After reviewing the Initial Review for my application, I request that processing be stopped and the result be refunded (minus a \$225 examination fee.) I understand that without a valid permit I may not legally use the water as requested in my application
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Inder $ORS$ 537.150 (5) and 537.620 (5) timely submission of this request authorizes that the wate ight application process be stopped and all filing fees (except \$225 examination fee) be returned
his notice must be received at Water Resources Department by
eturn the notice to: OWRD, Water Rights Division
STOP PROCESSING
725 Summer Street, NE - Suite A
Salem OR 97301-1271

### 5. Final Order (FO)

- if no protest is filed, Final Order is issued

## The protest process

If one or more protests are filed, permit process consists of:

- settlement discussion
- contested case hearing
- proposed order
- period of time to file exceptions
- possible hearing by Water Resources Commission
- final order issued

## Permit holder responsibilities

- comply with all water use conditions of the permit
- advise Department of address change or assignment to new permit holder
- if need arises, request extension of time or authorize cancellation of permit
- submit timely claim of beneficial use (COBU) to Department
- most permits require COBU to be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner
- permits may be canceled by the permit holder or by the Department for failure to comply with or one or more permit conditions