



# Oregon

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**Water Resources Department**  
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August 8, 2014

MEDURI FARMS INC  
JOSEPH J MEDURI  
PO BOX 636  
DALLAS, OR 97338

Reference: File S-87966

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 proposed the use of 41.0 acre feet (AF) of water from Paradiso Reservoir, to be constructed under Application R-87965, a tributary of Miller Creek, for irrigation of 55.0 acres March 1 through October 31 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 Paradiso Reservoir, to be constructed under Application R-87965, a tributary of Miller Creek, for irrigation is allowable under the Willamette Basin Program.
4. Stored water from Paradiso Reservoir is available for further appropriation, contingent upon the approval of Application R-87965.

**Summary of Initial Determinations**

**The use of 41.0 AF of water from Paradiso Reservoir, to be constructed under Application R-87965, a tributary of Miller Creek, for irrigation of 55.0 acres is allowable during the full period requested, March 1 through October 31 of each year, contingent upon approval of Application R-87965.**

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 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.

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 22, 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 diversion. 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. 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.

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](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 503-986-0816 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: Kim French-Gorski, 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, appearing to read "Kim French-Gorski".

Kim French-Gorski  
Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

S-87966  
WAB 2-stored water  
POU 2-183

# APPLICATION FACT SHEET

Application File Number: S-87966

Applicant: MEDURI FARMS INC, JOSEPH J MEDURI

County: Marion

Watermaster: 16

Priority Date: March 13, 2014

Source: PARADISO RESERVOIR, TO BE CONSTRUCTED UNDER APPLICATION R-87965, A TRIBUTARY OF MILLER CREEK

Use: IRRIGATION OF 55.0 ACRES

Quantity: 41.0 ACRE FEET

Basin Name & Number: Willamette, #2

Stream Index Reference: Volume 10A MILLER CR & MISC

Point of Diversion or Well Location(s): NESE, SECTION 34, T8S, R3W, W.M.;315 FEET SOUTH AND 70 FEET WEST FROM E1/4 CORNER, SECTION 34

Place of Use:

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  23.7 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  24.5 ACRES  
SECTION 34

SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  3.4 ACRES  
NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  3.4 ACRES  
SECTION 35

TOWNSHIP 8 SOUTH, RANGE 3 WEST, W.M.

**14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, August 22, 2014**

**PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, August 12, 2014**

**30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, September 11, 2014**

# Mailing List for IR Copies

Application #S-87966

IR Date: August 15, 2014

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**Original and map mailed to applicant:**

~~MEDURI FARMS INC JOSEPH J MEDURI, PO BOX 636, DALLAS, OR 97338~~

**SENT VIA EMAIL:**

1. Applicant - [joe@medurifarms.com](mailto:joe@medurifarms.com)
2. Agent - [jeanne@boatwrightengr.com](mailto:jeanne@boatwrightengr.com)
3. WRD - Watermaster # 16
4. ODFW
5. DEQ

Copies Mailed By: _____ (SUPPORT STAFF) on: _____ (DATE)
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**IR, Map, and Fact Sheet Copies sent to:**

1. WRD - File # S-87966
2. Department of Agriculture

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

1. E. Harold & Grace E. Schipporeit RLT, 4455 27<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Salem, OR 97302

Caseworker: Kim French-Gorski

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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](http://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

Applicant notification to withdraw Water Right Application # \_\_\_\_\_

After reviewing the Initial Review for my application, I request that processing be stopped and the fees 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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

*Under ORS 537.150 (5) and 537.620 (5) timely submission of this request authorizes that the water right application process be stopped and all filing fees (except \$225 examination fee) be returned.*

This notice must be received at Water Resources Department by \_\_\_\_\_

Return 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