

**Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Rights Division**

Water Rights Application
Number G-15484

Prior to issuance of a permit, permit recording fees in the amount of \$175.00 must be submitted to the Department. In order to increase Department efficiency and expedite the processing of your application, submit \$175.00 prior to the protest deadline of May 2, 2003. Please include your application number on your check made out to the Oregon Water Resources Department. If this fee is not paid prior to May 2, 2003, issuance of your permit will be delayed until all fees are paid.

Proposed Final Order

Summary of Recommendation: The Department recommends that the attached draft permit be issued with conditions.

Application History

On MAY 3, 2001, TOM AND BEV MALLAMS submitted an application to the Department for the following water use permit:

- Amount of Water: 2.0 cubic feet per second
- Use of Water: Irrigation of 140.4 acres
- Source of Water: A well in Sycan River Basin
- Area of Proposed Use: Klamath County within Section 35, Township 35 South, Range 12 East, W.M., Section 2, Township 36 South, Range 12 East, W.M.

On November 23, 2001, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, determining that "*The use of 2.0 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND from A WELL IN SYCAN RIVER BASIN for IRRIGATION OF 139.7 ACRES, is allowable from April 1 through October 31 of each year.*" The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.

On December 11, 2001, the Department gave public notice of the application in its weekly notice. The public notice included a request for comments, and information for interested persons about both obtaining future notices and a copy of the proposed final order.

Within 30 days of the Department's public notice, written comments were received from Mr. Mallams indicating the 0.7 acre being denied under this application, G-15484, was canceled in 1980 by the Department.

In reviewing applications, the Department may consider any relevant sources of information, including the following:

- comments by or consultation with another state agency
- any applicable basin program
- any applicable comprehensive plan or zoning ordinance
- the amount of water available
- the rate and duty for the proposed use
- pending senior applications and existing water rights of record
- designations of any critical groundwater areas
- the Scenic Waterway requirements of ORS 390.835
- applicable statutes, administrative rules, and case law
- any general basin-wide standard for flow rate and duty of water allowed
- the need for a flow rate and duty higher than the general standard
- any comments received

Findings of Fact

The Klamath River Basin Compact allows irrigation.

A well in Sycan River Basin is above the Klamath River State Scenic Waterway.

The Groundwater Section finds, per OAR 390.835(9), there is not a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use of groundwater will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife.

The Department determined, based upon OAR 690-09, that the proposed groundwater use will, if properly conditioned, adequately protect the surface water from interference.

An assessment of groundwater availability has been completed by the Department's Groundwater/Hydrology section. A copy of this assessment is in the file. The proposed use of groundwater will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing rights and the resource.

The applicant submitted information that demonstrates the need for a flow rate that is higher than the general standard. Therefore, the Department authorizes the higher rate of water use under ORS 537.621(4),

and the Department finds that the amount of water requested, 2.0 CFS, is an acceptable amount.

The proposed well is not within a designated critical ground water area.

Conclusions of Law

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153, the Department must presume that a proposed use will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest if the proposed use is allowed in the applicable basin program established pursuant to ORS 536.300 and 536.340 or given a preference under ORS 536.310(12) (i.e. the use of water is human consumption or livestock), if water is available, if the proposed use will not injure other water rights and if the proposed use complies with rules of the Water Resources Commission.

The proposed use requested in this application is allowed in the Klamath River Basin Compact, or a preference for this use is granted under the provisions of ORS 536.310(12).

Water is available for the proposed use.

The proposed use will not injure other water rights.

The proposed use complies with other rules of the Water Resources Commission not otherwise described above.

The proposed use complies with the State Agency Agreement for land use.

No proposed flow rate and duty of water higher than the general basin-wide standard is needed.

For these reasons, the required presumption has been established.

Under the provisions of ORS 537.621, once the presumption has been established, it may be overcome by a preponderance of evidence that either:

- (a) One or more of the criteria for establishing the presumption are not satisfied; or
- (b) The proposed use would not ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as demonstrated in comments, in a protest . . . or in a finding of the department that shows:
 - (A) The specific aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 that would be impaired or detrimentally affected; and

- (B) Specifically how the identified aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.525 would be impaired or be adversely affected.

In this application, all criteria for establishing the presumption have been satisfied, as noted above. The presumption has not been overcome by a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use would impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

The Department therefore concludes that water is available in the amount necessary for the proposed use; the proposed use will not result in injury to existing water rights; and the proposed use would ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525.

Recommendation

The Department recommends that the attached draft permit be issued with conditions.

DATED March 18, 2003



Dwight French
Water Rights Section Manager

*If you have any questions,
please check the information
box on the last page for the
appropriate names and
phone numbers.*

Protest Rights and Standing

Under the provisions of 537.621(7), you have the right to protest this proposed final order. Your protest must be in writing, and must include the following:

- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- A description of your interest in the proposed final order, and, if you claim to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
- A detailed description of how the action proposed in this proposed final order would impair or be detrimental to your interest;
- A detailed description of how the proposed final order is in error or deficient, and how to correct the alleged error or deficiency;
- Any citation of legal authority to support your protest, if known; and

- If you are not the applicant, the \$200 protest fee required by ORS 536.050 and proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.
- If you are the applicant, a statement of whether or not you are requesting a contested case hearing. If you do not request a hearing, the Department will presume that you do not wish to contest the findings of the proposed final order.
- If you do not protest this Proposed Final Order and if no substantive changes are made in the final order, you will not have an opportunity for judicial review, protest or appeal of the final order when it is issued.

Requests for Standing

Under the provisions of 537.621(6), persons other than the applicant who support a proposed final order may request standing for purposes of participating in any contested case proceeding on the proposed final order or for judicial review of a final order. A request for standing shall be in writing, include a statement that the requester supports the proposed final order, and a statement of how the requester would be harmed if the proposed final order is modified. The fee required at the time of submitting this request is \$50.00. If a hearing is scheduled, an additional fee of \$150.00 must be submitted along with a request for intervention. Forms to request standing are available from the Department.

Your protest or request for standing must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than **May 2, 2003**.

After the protest period has ended, the Director will either issue a final order or schedule a contested case hearing. The contested case hearing will be scheduled only if a protest has been submitted and if

- upon review of the issues, the director finds that there are significant disputes related to the proposed use of water, or
- the applicant requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period.

This document was prepared by Jerry Gainey. 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 1-503-378-8455 extension 458.

If you have questions about how to file a protest or if you have previously filed a protest and want to know the status, please contact Renee Moulun. Her extension number is 239.

If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Water Rights Information Group at extension 201.

Address all other correspondence to: Water Rights Section, Oregon Water Resources Department, 158 12th ST NE SALEM, OR 97301 Fax: (503)378-6203

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STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF KLAMATH

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

TOM AND BEV MALLAMS
PO BOX 249
BEATTY, OREGON 97621

(541) 533-2580

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-15484

SOURCE OF WATER: A WELL IN SYCAN RIVER BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: PRIMARY IRRIGATION OF 31.4 ACRES AND SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 109.0 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 2.0 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: APRIL 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: MAY 3, 2001

WELL LOCATION: NW ¼ SW ¼, SECTION 35, T35S, R12E, W.M.; NORTH 2 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST, 2037 FEET FROM SW CORNER, SECTION 35

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 (or its equivalent) and 3.0 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u>
NW ¼ SW ¼	14.48 ACRES	25.20 ACRES
SW ¼ SW ¼	1.67 ACRES	38.80 ACRES
SE ¼ SW ¼	2.75 ACRES	8.10 ACRES
SECTION 35		
TOWNSHIP 35 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, W.M.		

	<u>PRIMARY</u>	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u>
NE ¼ NW ¼	11.80 ACRES	12.40 ACRES
NW ¼ NW ¼	0.70 ACRE	24.50 ACRES

SECTION 2

TOWNSHIP 36 SOUTH, RANGE 12 EAST, W.M.

Measurement, recording and reporting conditions:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a meter or other suitable measuring device as approved by the Director. The permittee shall maintain the meter or measuring device in good working order, 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.
- 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.

Use of water under authority of this permit may be regulated if analysis of data available after the permit is issued discloses that the appropriation will measurably reduce the surface water flows necessary to maintain the free-flowing character of a scenic waterway in quantities necessary for recreation, fish and wildlife in effect as of the priority date of the right or as those quantities may be subsequently reduced.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

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 wells 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.

The use shall conform to such reasonable rotation system as may be ordered by the proper state officer.

Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit the results of a pump test meeting the department's standards, to the Water Resources Department. The Director may require water level or pump test results every ten years thereafter.

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.

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.

The use of water shall be limited when it interferes with any prior surface or ground water rights.

The Director finds that the proposed use(s) of water described by this permit, as conditioned, will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

Complete application of the water to the use shall be made on or before October 1, 2007. If the water is not completely applied before this date, and the permittee wishes to continue development under the permit, the permittee must submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after complete application of water to the proposed use, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner (CWRE).

Issued _____, 2003

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Paul R. Cleary, Director
Water Resources Department

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS: Pursuant to ORS 537.330, in any transaction for the conveyance of real estate that includes any portion of the lands described in this permit, the seller of the real estate shall, upon accepting an offer to purchase that real estate, also inform the purchaser in writing whether any permit, transfer approval order, or certificate evidencing the water right is available and that the seller will deliver any permit, transfer approval order or certificate to the purchaser at closing, if the permit, transfer approval order or certificate is available.

CULTURAL RESOURCES PROTECTION LAWS: Permittees involved in ground-disturbing activities should be aware of federal and state cultural resources protection laws. ORS 358.920 prohibits the excavation, injury, destruction or alteration of an archeological site or object, or removal of archeological objects from public and private lands without an archeological permit issued by the State Historic Preservation Office. 16 USC 470, Section 106, National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 requires a federal agency, prior to any undertaking to take into account the effect of the undertaking that is included on or eligible for inclusion in the National Register. For further information, contact the State Historic Preservation Office at 503-378-4168, extension 232.