

PUBLIC INTEREST REVIEW FOR GROUNDWATER APPLICATIONS

TO: Water Rights Section Date March 9, 2016
 FROM: Groundwater Section Michael J Thoma
 SUBJECT: Application G- 18198 Reviewer's Name Supersedes review of
 Date of Review(s)

PUBLIC INTEREST PRESUMPTION; GROUNDWATER

OAR 690-310-130 (1) *The Department shall presume that a proposed groundwater use will ensure the preservation of the public welfare, safety and health as described in ORS 537.525. Department staff review groundwater applications under OAR 690-310-140 to determine whether the presumption is established. OAR 690-310-140 allows the proposed use be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria. This review is based upon available information and agency policies in place at the time of evaluation.*

A. GENERAL INFORMATION: Applicant's Name: Stephen Zehr County: Linn

- A1. Applicant(s) seek(s) 0.62 cfs from 1 well(s) in the Willamette Basin, Calapooia R subbasin
- A2. Proposed use Irrigation (55 ac) Seasonality: March 1 – Oct. 31 (244 d)
- A3. Well and aquifer data (attach and number logs for existing wells; mark proposed wells as such under logid):

Well	Logid	Applicant's Well #	Proposed Aquifer*	Proposed Rate(cfs)	Location (T/R-S QQ-Q)	Location, metes and bounds, e.g. 2250' N, 1200' E fr NW cor S 36
1	PROP	Well #1	Alluvium	0.62	14S/03W-07 NENE	50'S, 50'W of NW cor S 7
2						

* Alluvium, CRB, Bedrock

Well	Well Elev ft msl	First Water ft bls	SWL ft bls	SWL Date	Well Depth (ft)	Seal Interval (ft)	Casing Intervals (ft)	Liner Intervals (ft)	Perforations Or Screens (ft)	Well Yield (gpm)	Draw Down (ft)	Test Type
1	285		2-12*		110	0-20	0-20					

Use data from application for proposed wells.

A4. **Comments:** *The applicant's POA is proposed, SWL is estimated from a nearby well that OWRD has SWL data for (LINN 13576)

A5. **Provisions of the** Willamette (OAR 690-502) Basin rules relative to the development, classification and/or management of groundwater hydraulically connected to surface water **are,** or **are not,** activated by this application. (Not all basin rules contain such provisions.)
 Comments: _____

A6. **Well(s) #** _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, tap(s) an aquifer limited by an administrative restriction. Name of administrative area: _____
 Comments: _____

B. GROUNDWATER AVAILABILITY CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-310-130, 400-010, 410-0070

B1. **Based upon available data**, I have determined that groundwater* for the proposed use:

- a. is over appropriated, is not over appropriated, or cannot be determined to be over appropriated during any period of the proposed use. * This finding is limited to the groundwater portion of the over-appropriation determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- b. will not or will likely be available in the amounts requested without injury to prior water rights. * This finding is limited to the groundwater portion of the injury determination as prescribed in OAR 690-310-130;
- c. will not or will likely to be available within the capacity of the groundwater resource; or
- d. will, if properly conditioned, avoid injury to existing groundwater rights or to the groundwater resource:
 - i. The permit should contain condition #(s) _____;
 - ii. The permit should be conditioned as indicated in item 2 below.
 - iii. The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in item 3 below;

- B2. a. **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no deeper than _____ ft. below land surface;
- b. **Condition** to allow groundwater production from no shallower than _____ ft. below land surface;
- c. **Condition** to allow groundwater production only from the _____ groundwater reservoir between approximately _____ ft. and _____ ft. below land surface;
- d. **Well reconstruction** is necessary to accomplish one or more of the above conditions. The problems that are likely to occur with this use and without reconstructing are cited below. Without reconstruction, I recommend withholding issuance of the permit until evidence of well reconstruction is filed with the Department and approved by the Groundwater Section.

Describe injury –as related to water availability– that is likely to occur without well reconstruction (interference w/ senior water rights, not within the capacity of the resource, etc): _____

B3. **Groundwater availability remarks:** The applicant's proposed POA will be producing from alluvial material assigned to the Willamette Confining Unit by Gannet and Caldwell (1998). This aquifer systems is composed of mixed alluvial sediments (fine to coarse grained) and extends to a depth of approx. 300 ft in the area. Well yields reported on driller's logs are generally in the range of 15 to 100 gpm and a nearby OWRD observation well (LINN 13576) shows stable SWL data over the past several decades. Additionally, there are only a few permitted groundwater POAs within 1 mile of the applicant's so injury is unlikely.

C. GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER CONSIDERATIONS, OAR 690-09-040

C1. **690-09-040 (1):** Evaluation of aquifer confinement:

Well	Aquifer or Proposed Aquifer	Confined	Unconfined
1	Willamette Confining Unit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basis for aquifer confinement evaluation: most well logs in the area report SWLs several 10s of feet above reported 'first water' and report thick clay layers in the driller's log

C2. **690-09-040 (2) (3):** Evaluation of distance to, and hydraulic connection with, surface water sources. All wells located a horizontal distance less than ¼ mile from a surface water source that produce water from an unconfined aquifer shall be assumed to be hydraulically connected to the surface water source. Include in this table any streams located beyond one mile that are evaluated for PSI.

Well	SW #	Surface Water Name	GW Elev ft msl	SW Elev ft msl	Distance (ft)	Hydraulically Connected?			Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?	
						YES	NO	ASSUMED	YES	NO
1	1	Spoon Cr	275	~275	10560 ^A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	2	Courtney Cr	275	~275	9780	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	3	Little Muddy Cr	275	~270	11800	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
						<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Basis for aquifer hydraulic connection evaluation: similar GW and SW elevations.

^ADistance for Spoon Cr is measured to where SW elevation is similar to GW elevation in the proposed POA.

Water Availability Basin the well(s) are located within: Calapooia R > Willamette R – AB Mouth (ID# 76) **but also hydraulically connected to:** Muddy Cr > E Channel – At Mouth (ID# 30200303)

C3a. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts for each well that has been determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. Limit evaluation to instream rights and minimum stream flows that are pertinent to that surface water source, and not lower SW sources to which the stream under evaluation is tributary. Compare the requested rate against the 1% of 80% natural flow for the pertinent Water Availability Basin (WAB). If Q is not distributed by well, use full rate for each well. Any checked box indicates the well is assumed to have the potential to cause PSI.

Well	SW #	Well < ¼ mile?	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

C3b. **690-09-040 (4):** Evaluation of stream impacts by total appropriation for all wells determined or assumed to be **hydraulically connected and less than 1 mile** from a surface water source. **Complete only if Q is distributed among wells.** Otherwise same evaluation and limitations apply as in C3a above.

SW #	Qw > 5 cfs?	Instream Water Right ID	Instream Water Right Q (cfs)	Qw > 1% ISWR?	80% Natural Flow (cfs)	Qw > 1% of 80% Natural Flow?	Interference @ 30 days (%)	Potential for Subst. Interfer. Assumed?
	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments: _____

C4a. **690-09-040 (5):** Estimated impacts on **hydraulically connected surface water sources greater than one mile** as a percentage of the proposed pumping rate. Limit evaluation to the effects that will occur up to one year after pumping begins. This table encompasses the considerations required by 09-040 (5)(a), (b), (c) and (d), which are not included on this form. Use additional sheets if calculated flows from more than one WAB are required.

Non-Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
Distributed Wells													
Well	SW#	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Well Q as CFS													
Interference CFS													
(A) = Total Interf.													
(B) = 80 % Nat. Q													
(C) = 1 % Nat. Q													
(D) = (A) > (C)		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
(E) = (A / B) x 100		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

(A) = total interference as CFS; (B) = WAB calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (C) = 1% of calculated natural flow at 80% exceed. as CFS; (D) = highlight the checkmark for each month where (A) is greater than (C); (E) = total interference divided by 80% flow as percentage.

Basis for impact evaluation: Impacts to surface water sources would be distributed unevenly among the three surface water sources. At these distances and in this material it is highly unlikely that the model assumptions of a homogeneous and isotropic aquifer are met (Hunt 2003) and so impacts to surface water were not determined.

C4b. **690-09-040 (5) (b)** The potential to impair or detrimentally affect the public interest is to be determined by the Water Rights Section.

C5. **If properly conditioned**, the surface water source(s) can be adequately protected from interference, and/or groundwater use under this permit can be regulated if it is found to substantially interfere with surface water:
 i. The permit should contain condition #(s) _____;
 ii. The permit should contain special condition(s) as indicated in "Remarks" below;

C6. **SW / GW Remarks and Conditions:** The proposed POA will be producing from an aquifer that has been determined by the department to be hydraulically connected to surface water at distances > 1 mile. However, the Department is unable at this time to determine the extent of interference that the proposed use will have and so cannot make a determination of PSI.

References Used:

Gannet, M. W. and R. R. Caldwell. 1998. Geologic Framework of the Willamette Lowland Aquifer System, Oregon and Washington. USGS Professional Paper 1424-A.

Hunt, B. 2003. Unsteady Stream Depletion when Pumping from a Semiconfined Aquifer. Journal of Hydrologic Engineering. Vol 8(1), pp 12-19

Woodward, D. G., M. W. Gannett, and J. J. Vaccaro. 1998. Hydrogeologic Framework of the Willamette Lowland Aquifer System, Oregon and Washington. USGS Professional Paper 1424-B.

D. WELL CONSTRUCTION, OAR 690-200

D1. Well #: _____ Logid: _____

D2. **THE WELL does not appear to meet current well construction standards based upon:**

- a. review of the well log;
- b. field inspection by _____;
- c. report of CWRE _____;
- d. other: (specify) _____

D3. **THE WELL construction deficiency or other comment is described as follows:** _____

D4. Route to the Well Construction and Compliance Section for a review of existing well construction.

Water Availability Tables

CALAPOOIA R > WILLAMETTE R - AB MOUTH
WILLAMETTE BASIN

Water Availability as of 3/9/2016

Watershed ID #: 76 ([Map](#)) Exceedance Level: 80% ▼

Date: 3/9/2016 Time: 2:24 PM

Water Availability Calculation

Consumptive Uses and Storages

Instream Flow Requirements

Reservations

Water Rights

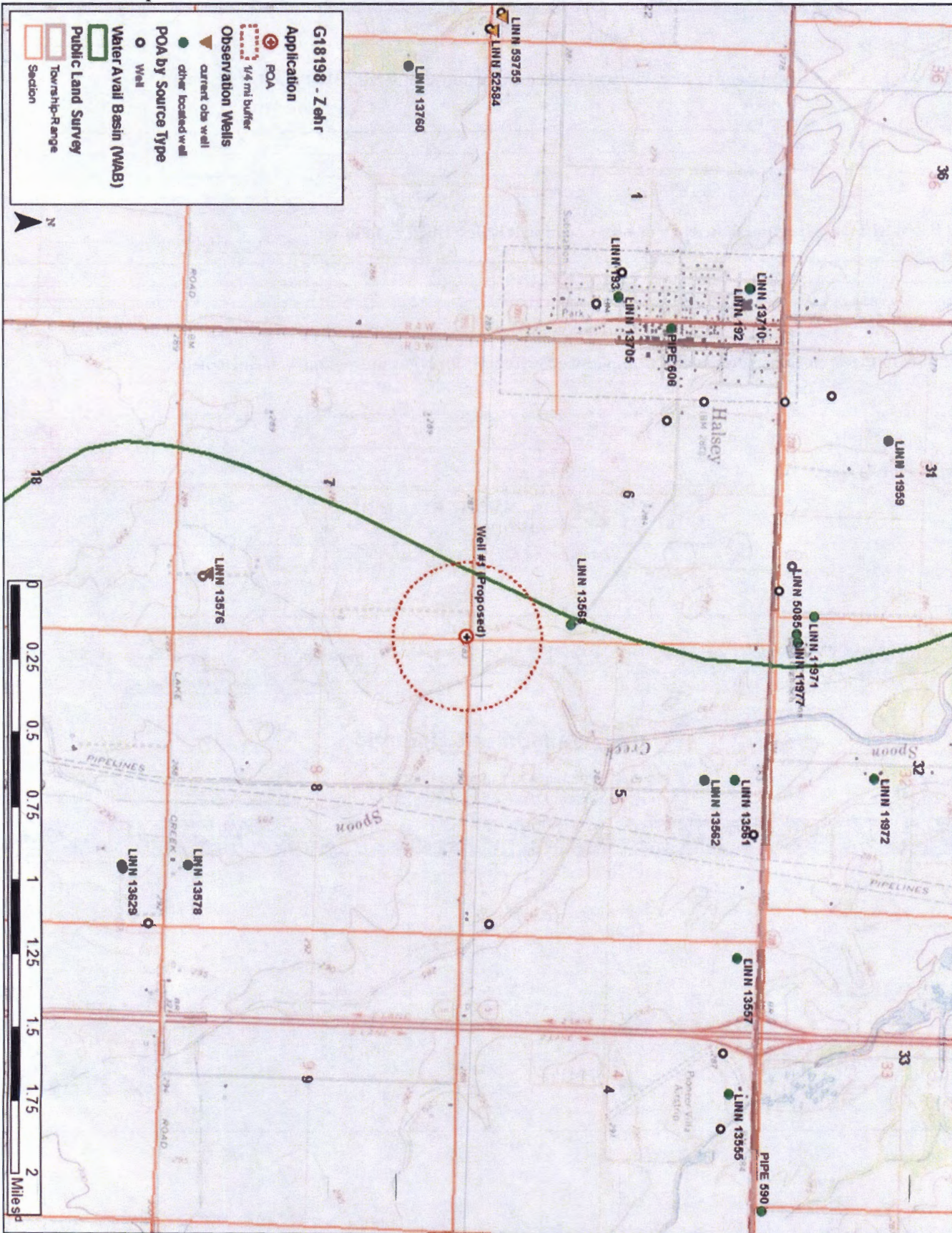
Watershed Characteristics

Water Availability Calculation

Monthly Streamflow in Cubic Feet per Second
Annual Volume at 50% Exceedance in Acre-Feet

Month	Natural Stream Flow	Consumptive Uses and Storages	Expected Stream Flow	Reserved Stream Flow	Instream Flow Requirement	Net Water Available
JAN	592.00	2.84	589.00	0.00	20.00	569.00
FEB	650.00	2.78	647.00	0.00	20.00	627.00
MAR	575.00	2.11	573.00	0.00	20.00	553.00
APR	423.00	1.81	421.00	0.00	20.00	401.00
MAY	234.00	6.82	227.00	0.00	20.00	207.00
JUN	111.00	12.50	98.50	0.00	20.00	78.50
JUL	49.00	19.30	29.70	0.00	20.00	9.69
AUG	26.00	13.80	12.20	0.00	20.00	-7.82
SEP	22.70	7.25	15.40	0.00	20.00	-4.55
OCT	29.60	1.38	28.20	0.00	20.00	8.22
NOV	133.00	1.87	131.00	0.00	20.00	111.00
DEC	499.00	2.80	496.00	0.00	20.00	476.00
ANN	404,000.00	4,560.00	399,000.00	0.00	14,500.00	385,000.00

Well Location Map



Water-Level Trends in Nearby Wells

