Oregon Water Resources Department Water Right Services Division

Water Rights Application
Number G-18006

Final Order

Hearing and Appeal Rights

Under the provisions of ORS 537.170 and ORS 537.622, the applicant may request a contested case hearing by submitting the information required for a protest under ORS 537.153(6) or ORS 537.621(7) to the Department within 14 days after the date of mailing of this order as shown below. If a contested case hearing is requested, the Department must schedule one. In the contested case hearing, however, only those issues based on the modifications to the Proposed Final Order may be addressed.

ORS 536.075 allows for additional appeal rights for other than contested case. This is a Final Order in other than contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition 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 petition 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.

Findings of Fact

- 1. On March 2, 2015, Diamond Farms LLC submitted an application to the Department for a water use permit.
- 2. The Department issued a Proposed Final Order on September 29, 2015.
- 3. The protest period closed November 6, 2015, and no protest was filed.
- 4. The Department's continuing evaluation reveals that the Proposed Final Order requires modification to remove the following conditions described in the draft permit:

The well(s) shall be continuously cased and continuously sealed to a minimum depth of 200 feet below land surface. The well(s) may not be completed in such a manner to allow groundwater to be developed from the alluvium aquifer. If during well construction, it becomes apparent that the well can be constructed to eliminate interference with nearby shallow wells or hydraulically connected streams in a manner other than specified in this permit, the permittee can contact the Department Hydrogeologist for this permit or the Groundwater/Hydrology Section Manager to request approval of such

construction. The request shall be in writing, and shall include a rough well log and a proposed construction design for approval by the Department. The request can be approved only if it is received and reviewed prior to placement of any permanent casing and sealing material. If the well is constructed first and then the request made, the requested modification will not be approved. If approved, the new well depth and construction specifications will be incorporated into any certificate issued for this permit.

Groundwater production shall be from no shallower than 200 feet below land surface.

Conclusions of Law

1. The proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public welfare, safety and health pursuant to ORS 537.621(2).

Order

Application G-18006 therefore is approved with the above modifications to the Proposed Final Order, and Permit G-17530 is issued as limited by the conditions therein.

DATED April 12, 2016

E. Timothy Wallin, Water Rights Program Manager

for Thomas M. Byler, Director

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This document was prepared by Kim French. If you have any questions about any of the statements contained in this document I can be reached at 503-986-0816.

If you have questions about how to file a protest or a request for standing, please refer to the section in this Final Order entitled "Hearing and Appeal Rights". If you have previously filed a protest and want to know its status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-986-0820.

If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs please contact our Customer Service Group at 503-986-0801.

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