

**Oregon Water Resources Department
Water Right Services Division**

Water Rights Application
Number G-17923

Final Order

Appeal Rights

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.

This statement of judicial review rights does not create a right to judicial review of this order, if judicial review is otherwise precluded by law. Where no changes have been made to a Proposed Final Order on a water right application and no protests have been filed during the protest period, the Final Order is not subject to judicial review.

Findings of Fact

1. On September 8, 2014, J C Watson Company submitted an application to the Department for a water use permit.
2. The Department issued a Proposed Final Order on February 2, 2016.
3. The protest period closed March 18, 2016, and no protest was filed.

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).

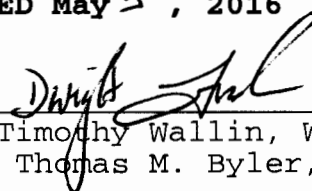
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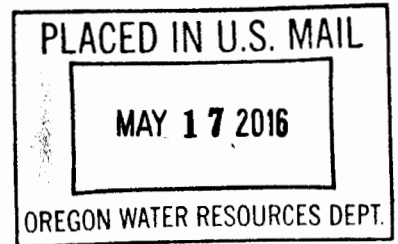
Application G-17923 is therefore approved as described in the Proposed Final Order. **Upon submittal of documentation that all wells comply with current minimum well construction standards, a permit shall be issued authorizing the proposed water use.**

Failure to meet this requirement within 60 days from the date of this Final Order may result in the proposed rejection of the application.

If you need to request additional time, your written request should be received in the Salem office of the Department within 60 days of this Final Order. The Department will evaluate the request and determine whether or not the request may be approved.

DATED May 5 , 2016


E. Timothy Wallin, Water Rights Program Manager
for Thomas M. Byler, Director



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 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.

Address all other correspondence to: Water Rights Section, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266, Fax: 503-986-0901.

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This is not a permit.

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STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF MALHEUR

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

J C WATSON COMPANY
PO BOX 300
PARMA, ID 83660

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-17923

SOURCE OF WATER: WELL 1, WELL 2 AND WELL 3 IN SNAKE RIVER BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE AND PERIOD OF USE:

SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 434.7 ACRES - APRIL 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 15

PRIMARY IRRIGATION OF 434.7 ACRES - MARCH 1 THROUGH MARCH 31, AND
OCTOBER 16 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

MAXIMUM RATE: 2.70 CUBIC FEET PER SECOND

DATE OF PRIORITY: SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

WELL LOCATIONS:

WELL 1: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 13, T20S, R46E, W.M.; 110 FEET SOUTH AND
800 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SECTION 13

WELL 2: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 13, T20S, R46E, W.M.; 60 FEET SOUTH AND
30 FEET EAST FROM NW CORNER, SECTION 13

WELL 3: NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SECTION 14, T20S, R46E, W.M.; 75 FEET SOUTH AND
1085 FEET WEST FROM NE CORNER, SECTION 14

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 PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

NE ¼ NE ¼ 24.7 ACRES
 NW ¼ NE ¼ 35.0 ACRES
 SW ¼ NE ¼ 37.0 ACRES
 SE ¼ NE ¼ 30.5 ACRES
 NE ¼ NW ¼ 37.0 ACRES
 NW ¼ NW ¼ 36.0 ACRES
 SW ¼ NW ¼ 35.0 ACRES
 SE ¼ NW ¼ 38.0 ACRES
 SECTION 13

NE ¼ NE ¼ 29.0 ACRES
 SE ¼ NE ¼ 23.0 ACRES
 NE ¼ SE ¼ 28.0 ACRES
 NW ¼ SE ¼ 5.0 ACRES
 SE ¼ SE ¼ 22.0 ACRES
 SECTION 14

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 46 EAST, W.M.

SW ¼ SW ¼ 21.0 ACRES
 GOV'T LOT 6 SE ¼ SW ¼ 0.5 ACRE
 SECTION 7

GOV'T LOT 1 NE ¼ NW ¼ 24.0 ACRES
 GOV'T LOT 2 SW ¼ NW ¼ 9.0 ACRES
 SECTION 18

TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 47 EAST, W.M.

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.

Static Water Level Conditions

The Department requires the water user to obtain, from a qualified individual (see below), and report annual static water levels for each well on the permit. The static water level shall be measured in the month of March. Reports shall be submitted to the Department within 30 days of measurement.

The permittee shall report an initial March static water-level measurement once well construction is complete and annual measurements thereafter. Annual measurements are required whether or not the well is used. The first annual measurement will establish a reference level against which future measurements will be compared. However, the Director may establish the reference level based on an analysis of other water-level data. The Director may require the user to obtain and report additional water levels each year if more data are needed to evaluate the aquifer system.

All measurements shall be made by a certified water rights examiner, registered professional geologist, registered professional engineer, licensed well constructor or pump installer licensed by the Construction Contractors Board. Measurements shall be submitted on forms provided by, or specified by, the Department. Measurements shall be made with equipment that is accurate to at least the standards specified in OAR 690-217-0045. The Department requires the individual performing the measurement to:

- A. Associate each measurement with an owner's well name or number and a Department well log ID; and
- B. Report water levels to at least the nearest tenth of a foot as depth-to-water below ground surface; and
- C. Specify the method of measurement; and
- D. Certify the accuracy of all measurements and calculations reported to the Department.

The Department may require the discontinuance of groundwater use, or reduce the rate or volume of withdrawal, from the well(s) if any of the following events occur:

- A. Annual water-level measurements reveal an average water-level decline of three or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- B. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 15 or more feet in fewer than five consecutive years; or
- C. Annual water-level measurements reveal a water-level decline of 25 or more feet; or
- D. Hydraulic interference leads to a decline of 25 or more feet in any neighboring well with senior priority.

The period of restricted use shall continue until the water level rises above the decline level which triggered the action or the Department determines, based on the permittee's and/or the Department's data and analysis, that no action is necessary because the aquifer in question

can sustain the observed declines without adversely impacting the resource or causing substantial interference with senior water rights. The water user shall not allow excessive decline, as defined in Commission rules, to occur within the aquifer as a result of use under this permit. If more than one well is involved, the water user may submit an alternative measurement and reporting plan for review and approval by the Department.

Dedicated Measuring Tube Condition

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.

Groundwater production shall occur only from the lacustrine and alluvial sedimentary succession (sand, gravel and clay) groundwater reservoir between approximately 100 feet and 400 feet below land surface.

Well Identification Tag Condition

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.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

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.

If the number, location, source, or construction of any well deviates from that proposed in the permit application or required by permit conditions, this permit may be subject to cancellation, unless the Department authorizes the change in writing.

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.

The well(s) shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the General Standards for the Construction and Maintenance of Water Supply Wells in Oregon. The works shall be equipped with a usable access port adequate to determine water-level elevation in the well at all times. If the riparian area is disturbed in the process of developing a point

of appropriation, the permittee shall be responsible for restoration and enhancement of such riparian area in accordance with ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy OAR 635-415. For purposes of mitigation, the ODFW Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Goals and Standards, OAR 635-415, shall be followed.

The use may be restricted if the quality of downstream waters decreases to the point that those waters no longer meet state or federal water quality standards due to reduced flows.

Where two or more water users agree among themselves as to the manner of rotation in the use of water and such agreement is placed in writing and filed by such water users with the watermaster, and such rotation system does not infringe upon such prior rights of any water user not a party to such rotation plan, the watermaster shall distribute the water according to such agreement.

Prior to receiving a certificate of water right, the permit holder shall submit to the Water Resources Department the results of a pump test meeting the Department's standards for each point of appropriation (well), unless an exemption has been obtained in writing under OAR 690-217. The Director may require water-level or pump-test data every ten years thereafter.

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.

Construction of the well shall be made within five years of the date of permit issuance. The deadline to begin construction may not be extended. This permit is subject to cancellation proceedings if the begin construction deadline is missed.

Complete application of the water shall be made within five years of the date of permit issuance. If beneficial use of permitted water has not been made before this date, the permittee may submit an application for extension of time, which may be approved based upon the merit of the application.

Within one year after making beneficial use of water, the permittee shall submit a claim of beneficial use, which includes a map and report, prepared by a Certified Water Rights Examiner.

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