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West Extension Irrigation District
Attn: Beverly Bridgewater
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RE: Reclaimed Municipal Water Use **Registration RM-209**, related to NPDES Permit 101294

Dear Ms. Bridgewater:

The Oregon Water Resources Department ("OWRD") received your Registration of Reclaimed Municipal Water Use form on August 23, 2016. The Registration form is complete, signed by all the appropriate parties, and meets the requirements of ORS 537.131 and 537.132. The Department assigned record **RM-209** to your Registration, which will be managed as a physical file in Salem and viewable online at: <http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/wr/wrinfo> as an "RM" type Application.

This Registration allows the use of reclaimed municipal water under an exemption provided by ORS 537.132 rather than completing the process to obtain a formal water use permit. The Registered exempt use is allowed only while the corresponding Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) facility discharge permit is in effect. This Registration must be renewed with WRD when the DEQ facility discharge permit is renewed for the exempt use to continue.

If reclaimed municipal water use occurs instead of exercising existing water rights in the District at the same locations, ORS 540.610(2)(h) provides protection of those existing water rights from potential forfeiture due to extended non-use. It is prudent to document and maintain a record of your annual use of reclaimed municipal water.

Oregon's *Integrated Water Resources Strategy* encourages additional use of reclaimed municipal water to help keep our streams clean and reduce the demand on limited water supplies. Thank you for putting the strategy into action and using water wisely.

If you have questions regarding this Registration letter, please contact me directly at 503-986-0919, Kerri.H.Cope@wrd.state.or.us, or call 503-986-0900 and ask for the *Water Reuse Coordinator*.

Sincerely,

Kerri H. Cope
Water Reuse Coordinator
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cc: Registration File
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