

## Water Resources Department

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Reference: File G-18398

Dear Applicant:

# THIS IS NOT A PERMIT AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT THE NEXT PHASE OF PROCESSING.

This letter is to inform you of the preliminary analysis of the water-use permit application and to describe the options. In determining whether an application may be approved, the Department must consider the factors listed below, all of which must be favorable to the proposed use if it is to be allowed. Based on the information supplied, the Water Resources Department has made the following preliminary determinations:

## Initial Review Determinations:

- 1. The application proposed the appropriation of 0.22 cubic foot per second (CFS) of water from Well 1 (LANE 20037/L121728) in Coast Fork Willamette River Basin for year-round nursery use on 8.77 acres.
- 2. The proposed use is not prohibited by law or rule except where otherwise noted below.
- 3. Uses included in nursery use are fully included in irrigation and agriculture uses, both of which are allowed under the Willamette Basin Program (OAR 690-502). Therefore, the appropriation of water from Well 1 (LANE 20037/L121728) in Coast Fork Willamette River Basin for nursery use is allowable.
- 4. Groundwater will likely be available within the capacity of the resource, and if properly conditioned, the proposed use of groundwater will avoid injury to existing groundwater rights.
- 5. The Department has determined, based upon OAR 690-009, that the proposed groundwater use will not have the potential for substantial interference with any surface water source.
- 6. The Department has determined that Well 1 (LANE 20037/L121728) does not meet current minimum well construction standards (OAR 690-210). The quantity of cement grout sealing material was not sufficient to fill the annular space around the casing. In addition, grout seal was "poured" instead of being placed by the use of a grout pipe. Prior

to the issuance of a permit, evidence demonstrating compliance with well construction standards must be submitted and approved by the Department. In repairing the well(s), you should work closely with the Department and/or a licensed well constructor to ensure that repairs are carried out in a manner that will not violate well construction or other rules. You are encouraged to contact Joel Jeffery of the Department's Well Construction and Compliance Section at 503-986-0852 to determine how to proceed.

Please note that repair of the well(s) will not necessarily overcome the potential for substantial interference with surface water and may not result in the issuance of a permit.

Please also note that regardless of the outcome of this application, you will need to work with the Department to either repair or abandon the well(s) to comply with the minimum standards for the construction, conversion, alteration, maintenance, and abandonment of water supply wells in order to protect the state's ground water supply (OAR 690-200).

## **Summary of Initial Determinations**

The appropriation of 0.22 CFS of water from Well 1 (LANE 20037/L121728) in Coast Fork Willamette River Basin for year-round nursery use on 8.77 acres is allowable, contingent upon the submittal of evidence demonstrating compliance with current minimum well construction standards for Well 1 (LANE 20037/L121728).

Because of these favorable determinations, the Department can now move the application to the next phase of the water-rights application review process, where public interest factors will be evaluated.

Please reference the application number when sending any correspondence regarding the conclusions of this initial review. Comments received within the comment period will be evaluated at the next phase of the process.

## To Proceed With the Application:

If you choose to proceed with the application, you do not have to notify the Department. The application will automatically be placed on the Department's Public Notice to allow others the opportunity to comment. After the comment period the Department will complete a public interest review and issue a Proposed Final Order.

#### Withdrawal Refunds:

If you choose not to proceed, you may withdraw the application and receive a refund (minus a \$225 processing charge per application). To accomplish this you must notify the Department in writing by **Friday**, **June 2**, **2017**. For your convenience you may use the enclosed "STOP PROCESSING" form.

## If A Permit Is Issued It Will Likely Include The Following Conditions:

- 1. 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 used each month, and shall submit an annual report which includes the recorded water-use measurements to the Department by December 1 of each year. 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.
- 2. Irrigation allowed under this permit shall be by drip irrigation or by an equally efficient method.

## 3. 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.

The water source identified in the application may be affected by an Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan. These plans are developed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) with the cooperation of local landowners and other interested stakeholders, and help to ensure that current and new appropriations of water are done in a way that does not adversely harm the environment. You are encouraged to explore ODA's Water Quality Program web site at http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/NaturalResources/Pages/AgWaterQuality.aspx to learn more about the plans and how they may affect the proposed water use.

## If you have any questions:

Feel free to call me at 503-986-0899 if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter or the application. Please have the application number available if you call. General questions about water rights and water use permits should be directed to our customer service staff at 503-986-0801. When corresponding by mail, please use this address: Scott Grew, Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St NE Ste A, Salem OR 97301-1266. Our fax number is 503-986-0901.

Sincerely,

Scott Grew

Water Right Application Caseworker

enclosures: Application Process Description and Stop Processing Request Form

G-18398 WAB 2-no PSI POU 2- no PSI GW

## **APPLICATION FACT SHEET**

Application File Number: G-18398

Applicant: JAVA PROPERTIES OR 4 LLC

County: Lane

Watermaster: 2

Priority Date: October 11, 2016

Source: WELL 1 (LANE 20037/L121728) IN COAST FORK WILLAMETTE RIVER BASIN

Use: NURSERY USE ON 8.77 ACRES

Quantity: 0.22 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

Basin Name & Number: Willamette, #2

Stream Index Reference: Volume 1 COAST FK WILLAMETTE R MIS

Well Location: SWSW SECTION 8, T19S, R2W, W.M.; 102 FEET NORTH AND 665 FEET

EAST FROM NE CORNER, DLC 54

Place of Use:

SW ¼ SW ¼ 8.77 ACRES SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP 19 SOUTH, RANGE 2 WEST, W.M.

14 DAY STOP PROCESSING DEADLINE DATE: Friday, June 2, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: Tuesday, May 23, 2017

30 DAY COMMENT DEADLINE DATE: Thursday, June 22, 2017

## APPLICATION PROCESS DESCRIPTION FOR GROUNDWATER, SURFACE WATER AND REGULAR RESERVOIR APPLICATIONS

In order to take and use the waters of Oregon, a citizen must first obtain a permit from the Water Resources Department. The water must be used for beneficial purpose - without waste. To become well-informed about water right topics, weekly public notice, forms and fees please visit our web site at <a href="https://www.wrd.state.or.us">www.wrd.state.or.us</a>

#### 1. Pre-application considerations

- follow instructions in the application packet

- if you have questions about completing an application or would like to arrange a pre-application conference contact the Department's Water Rights Information Group (WRIG) at 503-986-0801

#### 2. Application filing

- application with fee is received by the Department
- Department determines completeness of application
- if use is not allowed by statute (ORS 538), the application and fees are returned to the applicant

- incomplete application and fees are returned to the applicant

 only a complete application receives a tentative priority date, is assigned a caseworker, and moves forward for processing

#### 3. Initial Review (IR)

- caseworker reviews application by considering basin plans, water availability, statutory restrictions and all other appropriate factors
- caseworker sends IR report to applicant
- contact the caseworker if you have questions about the IR
- seven days after date of the IR, it is included in Department's weekly Public Notice
- public comments must be submitted within 30 days after the Public Notice
- administrative hold may be requested in writing by applicant

#### 4. Proposed Final Order (PFO)

- caseworker evaluates application against required criteria and develops draft permit, if appropriate
- PFO includes instructions for filing of protests
- caseworker considers public comments and mails PFO to applicant
- the PFO is included in Department's weekly Public Notice
- public protests to the PFO must be submitted within 45 days after the Public Notice

## Stop Processing deadline is within 14 days of Initial Review - use the form below

- applicant may request no further action and fee refund of all but \$225

|                        | STOP PROCESS               | SING REQUEST FO       | OR  |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| GROUNDWATER            | , SURFACE WATER A          | AND REGULAR RI        | ESERVOIR APPLICATIONS   |
|                        |                            |                       | 2   |
| Applicant notification | n to withdraw Water Rig    | tht Application #     | <u> </u>  |
| fees be refunded (mir  |                            | fee.) I understand t  | at processing be stopped and the hat without a valid permit I may |
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|                        | 1                          | date _                |   |
| Signature              | ·                          | date _                |   |
| Under ORS 537.150 (    | (5) and 537.620 (5) timely | y submission of this  | request authorizes that the water                                 |
| right application prod | cess be stopped and all fi | ling fees (except \$2 | 25 examination fee) be returned.                                  |
| This notice must be r  | eceived at Water Resour    | rces Department by    |   |
| Return the notice to:  | OWRD, Water Rights         | Division              |   |
|                        | STOP PROCESSING            |                       | •   |
|                        | 725 Summer Street, NI      | E - Suite A           |   |
| ,                      | Salem OR 97301-1271        |                       |   |

## 5. Final Order (FO)

- if no protest is filed, Final Order is issued

## The protest process

If one or more protests are filed, permit process consists of:

- settlement discussion
- contested case hearing
- proposed order
- period of time to file exceptions
- possible hearing by Water Resources Commission
  final order issued

## Permit holder responsibilities

- comply with all water use conditions of the permit
- advise Department of address change or assignment to new permit holder

- if need arises, request extension of time or authorize cancellation of permit submit timely claim of beneficial use (COBU) to Department most permits require COBU to be prepared by a Certified Water Right Examiner
- permits may be canceled by the permit holder or by the Department for failure to comply with or one or more permit conditions