# Oregon Water Resources Department Water Right Services Division

| Water Right Application G-18261 in the | )   | •           |
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| name of JAY THOMPSON                   | )   | FINAL ORDER |
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Summary: Order approving Application G-18261 and issuing a draft permit.

# Authority

The application was processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.615 through 537.628, and 390.826, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 5, 8, 9, 33, 300, 310, 400, 410 and Willamette Basin 690-502. These statutes and rules can be viewed on the Oregon Water Resources website: http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/pages/law/index.aspx.

The Department's main page is <a href="http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/pages/index.aspx">http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/pages/index.aspx</a>.

This Final Order is issued pursuant to ORS 537.625 and OAR 690-310-0200.

# **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The findings of fact in the Proposed Final Order issued December 12, 2017 are incorporated herein.

- 1. On February 8, 2016, Jay Thompson submitted an application to the Department for a water use permit.
- 2. The Department issued a Proposed Final Order on December 12, 2017.
- 3. The protest period closed January 26, 2018, and no protest was filed.
- 4. The proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The conclusions of law in the Proposed Final Order issued December 12, 2017 are incorporated herein.

When issuing permits, ORS 537.628(1) authorizes the Department to include limitations and conditions which have been determined necessary to protect the public welfare, safety, and health. The draft permit is conditioned accordingly.

### **ORDER**

Application G-18261 is approved with a draft permit. Upon payment of outstanding recording fee in the amount of \$520, a permit shall be issued authorizing the proposed water use.

DATED February 14, 2018

Dwight French

Water Right Services Division Administrator, for

Thomas M. Byler, Director

Oregon Water Resources Department

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- If you have other questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at 503-986-0900

### STATE OF OREGON

#### COUNTY OF MARION

# DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

### THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

JAY THOMPSON 490 95TH AVE NE SALEM OR 97317

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: G-18261

SOURCE OF WATER: A WELL (MARI 66870) IN PUDDING RIVER BASIN

PURPOSE OR USE: IRRIGATION OF 95.0 ACRES

MAXIMUM RATE: 0.56 CUBIC FOOT PER SECOND

PERIOD OF USE: MARCH 1 THROUGH OCTOBER 31

DATE OF PRIORITY: FEBRUARY 8, 2016

#### WELL LOCATION:

| Twp | Rng | Mer | Sec | Q-Q   | Measured Distances  |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---|
| 7 S | 2 W | WM  | 25  | SE NE | 2365 FEET SOUTH AND 965 FEET WEST FROM NE<br>CORNER, SECTION 25 |

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 2.5 acre-feet for each acre irrigated during the irrigation season of each year.

### THE PLACE OF USE IS LOCATED AS FOLLOWS:

| Twp | Rng  | Mer | Sec | Q-Q   | Acres |
|-----|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|
| 7 S | 1 W  | WM  | 30  | NW NW | 20.6  |
| 7 S | 1 W  | WM  | 30  | SWNW  | 12.3  |
| 7 S | 2 W  | WM  | 24  | SE SE | 6.1   |
| 7 S | 2 W. | WM  | 25  | NE NE | 26.8  |
| 7 S | 2 W  | WM  | 25  | SE NE | 23.0  |
| 7 S | 2 W  | WM  | 25  | NE SE | 6.2   |

# 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 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:

Use of water from any well, as allowed herein, shall be controlled or shut off if the well displays:

- A. An average water-level decline of 3 or more feet per year for five consecutive years; or
- B. A total water-level decline of 15 or more feet; or
- C. A hydraulic interference decline of 15 or more feet in any neighboring well providing water for senior exempt uses or wells covered by prior rights.

The permittee/appropriator shall be responsible for complying with each of the following requirements for measuring water levels in the well(s).

- A. Use of water from a new well shall not begin until an initial static water level in the well has been measured and reported to the Department.
- B. In addition to the measurement required in the subsection above, a water-level measurement shall be made each year during the period March 1 through March 31.
- C. All water-level measurements shall be made by a qualified individual. Qualified individuals are certified water rights examiners, registered geologists, registered professional engineers, licensed land surveyors, licensed water well constructor, licensed pump installer, or the permittee/appropriator.
- D. Any qualified individual measuring a well shall use standard methods of procedure and equipment designed for the purpose of well measurement. The equipment used shall be well suited to the conditions of construction at the well. A list of standard methods of procedure and suitable equipment is available from the Department.

The permittee/appropriator shall report the record of measurement to the Department on a form available from the Department. The record of measurement shall include both measurements and calculations, shall include a certification as to their accuracy signed by the individual making the measurements, and shall be submitted to the Department within 90 days from the date of measurement. The Department shall determine when any of the declines cited herein are evidenced by the well measurement required in the static water level condition.

### **Annual Measurement Condition:**

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 water user shall discontinue use of, 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.

# 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 begin 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 construction deadline to begin 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.

Issued

## DRAFT – THIS IS NOT A PERMIT

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