BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

Water Right Application R-88580 in the name) FINAL ORDER of PAUL ELLSWORTH) APPROVING THE STORAGE OF SURFACE WATER

Authority

Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.409 establishes the process by which an application to store waters of the public may be submitted.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On MAY 14, 2018, PAUL ELLSWORTH submitted an application for a permit to store water pursuant to ORS 537.409.

Storage Volume: 8.0 ACRE-FEET

Dam Height: 8.0 FEET

Source: RUNOFF, TRIBUTARY TO SALT CREEK

Location: POLK COUNTY IN SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 6 WEST, W.M.

- 2. The required examination fees were paid and minimum application requirements were met.
- 3. The Department provided public notice of the application in the Department's weekly public notice on May 29, 2018. A 60-day comment period followed.
- 4. The Department has not received public comment related to the possible issuance of the attached permit.
- 5. The Department has determined that the proposed source has not been withdrawn from further appropriation.
- 6. The proposed reservoir is not prohibited under ORS 390.835.
- 7. The Department relies on the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's review and recommendations in determining whether a proposed use would pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources. The Department has determined that, as conditioned, the proposed use will not pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR JUDICIAL REVIEW

This is an order in other than a contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 536.075 and 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 OAR 137-004-0080, you may 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.

ORS 537.409 does not provide an opportunity to request a contested-case hearing. Appeal rights on this final order approving the application are limited to the above procedures.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Water is available for the proposed use.
- 2. The proposed use will not injure existing water rights.
- 3. The proposed use will not pose a significant detrimental impact to existing fishery resources.
- 4. Application R-88580 is consistent with the requirements of ORS 537.409.

<u>ORDER</u>

Application R-88580 is approved and Permit R-15360 is issued as limited by the conditions contained therein.

Dated at Salem, Oregon on May 21 st, 2019

Dwight French

Water Right Services Division Administrator, for

Thomas M. Byler, Director

Oregon Water Resources Department

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