

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

Water Right Application S-88232 in the)
name of FARMERS IRRIGATION)
DISTRICT) PROPOSED FINAL ORDER

Summary: The Department proposes to issue an order approving Application S-88232 and a permit consistent with the attached draft permit.

Authority

The application is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 537.153 through 537.175, and 390.826, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) Chapter 690, Divisions 5, 33, 300, 310, 400, 410, and the Hood Basin Program OAR 690-504. These statutes and rules can be viewed on the Oregon Water Resources Department's website:
<https://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/programs/policylawandrules/Pages/default.aspx>

The Department's main page is <http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD>.

The Department shall presume that a proposed use will not impair or be detrimental to the public interest if:

- a) The proposed use is allowed in the applicable basin program established pursuant to ORS 536.300 and 536.340 or given a preference under ORS 536.310(12);
- b) Water is available;
- c) The proposed use will not injure other water rights; and
- d) The proposed use complies with the rules of the Commission. ORS 537.153(2); OAR 690-310-0110(1)

All four criteria must be met for a proposed use to be presumed to not impair or be detrimental to the public interest. When the criteria are met and the presumption is established, or if the proposed use can be modified or conditioned to meet the presumption criteria, the Department must further evaluate the proposed use, any comments received, information available in its files or received from other interested agencies and any other available information to determine whether the presumption is overcome. OAR 690-310-0120(3).

If the Department determines that the presumption is established and not overcome, the Department shall issue a Proposed Final Order recommending issuance of the permit subject to any appropriate modifications or conditions.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Application History

1. On May 23, 2016, Farmers Irrigation District filed a complete application for the following water use:

Source	UPPER GREEN POINT RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-698, ENLARGED UNDER PERMIT R-15387, TRIBUTARY TO HOOD RIVER
Use	SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 1248.15 ACRES
Rate	650.0 ACRE-FEET (AF)
County	HOOD RIVER COUNTY
Location	SECTIONS 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 16, 17,18, AND 20, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, W.M., AND SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, W.M.

2. On May 19, 2017, the Department mailed the applicant notice of its Initial Review, determining that **"The diversion of 650.0 AF of water from Upper Green Point Reservoir, constructed under permit R-698, a tributary of Hood River, for supplemental irrigation on 548.15 acres is allowable during April 15 through October 31 of each year."** The applicant did not notify the Department to stop processing the application within 14 days of that date.
3. On May 23, 2017, the Department gave public notice of the application in its weekly notice. The public notice included a request for comments, and information for interested persons about obtaining future notices and a copy of the Proposed Final Order.
4. On April 2, 2019, the applicant clarified that this application is for supplemental irrigation of 548.15 acres, not 1248.15 as described in the Initial Review.
5. The Department has determined that errors were made in the Initial Review. The Initial Review incorrectly described the season proposed for supplemental irrigation as March 1 through October 31. The season of use shall be corrected to reflect the season proposed in the application, being April 15 through September 30 of each year.
6. Pursuant to ORS 541.681, as conditioned under Permit R-15387, a volume equivalent of up to 162.5 AF of water from Upper Green Point Reservoir is required to be instream. A portion of this requirement, being 117.5 AF, is met through Conserved Water Project CW-92. The additional 45.0 AF of water must be dedicated instream from the water stored in Upper Green Point Reservoir under Permit R-15387, therefore leaving 605.0 AF of stored water available for supplemental irrigation under this application.

Presumption Criteria (a) Consistency with Basin Program

7. The proposed use is allowed under the Hood Basin Program (OAR 690-504-0000). ORS 537.153(2); OAR 690-310-0110(1)(a)

Presumption Criteria (b) Water Availability

8. Stored water from Upper Green Point Reservoir is available for the full period requested, April 14 through September 30. ORS 537.153(2); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(c)

Presumption Criteria (c) Injury Determination

9. The proposed use will not injure other water rights. ORS 537.153(2); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(e)

Presumption Criteria (d) Whether the Use Complies with Rules of the Commission

10. Documentation has been submitted from the relevant land-use planning jurisdiction that indicates an approved land-use decision has been obtained, and that either no administrative appeals were received, or all such appeals have concluded. ORS 537.153(2)(b); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(b)

Determination of Presumption that a Proposed Surface Water Use will not Impair or be Detrimental to the Public Interest

11. Based on the review of the presumption criteria (a)-(d) above, the presumption has been established. ORS 537.153(2); OAR 690-310-0110(1)(a)-(d)

Further Evaluation of the Proposed Use

12. No comments were received by the close of the comment period. OAR 690-310-0120(3)
13. Information available in department files, received from other interested agencies, and other available information does not provide a preponderance of evidence that the proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest under ORS 537.153. OAR 690-310-0120(3)

Other Criteria and Requirements

14. The proposed use is not located within or above a state scenic waterway, as designated under ORS 390.826.
15. The amount requested, 650.0 AF, is necessary for the proposed use, however to comply with the conditions under Permit R-15387, the amount allowed for the proposed use shall be limited to 605.0 AF annually. ORS 537.153(3)(c); OAR 690-310-0150(2)(d)
16. The applicant proposed to apply water when needed and use the most efficient method of water application for the crop being irrigated. These measures are adequate at this time. OAR 690-310-0150(2)(j)

CONCLUSION OF LAW

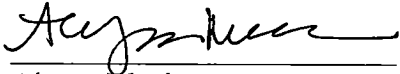
1. The proposed use would not impair or be detrimental to the public interest.

NOTE: When issuing permits, ORS 537.170(6) authorizes the Department to include provisions or restrictions concerning the use, control and management of water to be appropriated for the project.

PROPOSED ORDER

The Department recommends approval of Application S-88232 and issuance of a permit consistent with the attached draft permit.

DATED May 28, 2019



Alyssa Mucken
Water Rights Section Manager, for
Thomas M. Byler, Director
Oregon Water Resources Department

Protests

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for groundwater), you can protest this Proposed Final Order. Protests must be received by the Water Resources Department no later than **July 12, 2019**. Protests must be in writing and include the following:

- Your name, address, and telephone number;
- A description of your interest in the Proposed Final Order, and, if you claim to represent the public interest, a precise statement of the public interest represented;
- A detailed description of how the action proposed in the Proposed Final Order would impair or be detrimental to your interest;
- A detailed description of how the Proposed Final Order is in error or deficient, and how to correct the alleged error or deficiency;
- Any citation of legal authority to support your protest, if known;
- To affect the Department's determination that the proposed use in this application will, or will not, impair or be detrimental to the public interest, ORS 537.153(6) requires that a protest demonstrate, by a preponderance of evidence any of the following: (a) One or more of the criteria for establishing the presumption are, or are not, satisfied; or (b) The specific aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.170(8) that would be impaired or detrimentally affected, and specifically how the identified aspect of the public welfare, safety and health under ORS 537.170 (8) would be impaired or be adversely affected;
- If you are the applicant, a protest fee of \$410 required by ORS 536.050; and
- If you are not the applicant, a protest fee of \$810 required by ORS 536.050 and proof of service of the protest upon the applicant.
- If you are the applicant, a statement of whether or not you are requesting a contested case hearing.

Requests for Standing

Under the provisions of ORS 537.153(7) (for surface water) or ORS 537.621(8) (for groundwater), persons other than the applicant who support a Proposed Final Order can request standing for purposes of participating in any contested case proceeding on the Proposed Final Order or for judicial review of a Final Order.

Requests for standing must be received in the Water Resources Department no later than **July 12, 2019**. Requests for standing must be in writing, and must include the following:

- The requester's name, mailing address and telephone number;
- If the requester is representing a group, association or other organization, the name, address and telephone number of the represented group;
- A statement that the requester supports the Proposed Final Order as issued;
- A detailed statement of how the requester would be harmed if the Proposed Final Order is modified; and
- A standing fee of \$230. If a hearing is scheduled, an additional fee of \$580 must be submitted along with a petition for party status.

After the protest period has ended, the Director will either issue a Final Order or schedule a contested case hearing. The contested case hearing will be scheduled only if a protest has been submitted and either:

- upon review of the issues, the director finds that there are significant disputes related to the proposed use of water, or
- the applicant requests a contested case hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period.

If you do not request a hearing within 30 days after the close of the protest period, or if you withdraw a request for a hearing, notify the Department or the administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, the Director may issue a Final Order by default. If the Director issues a Final Order by default, the Department designates the relevant portions of its files on this matter, including all materials that you have submitted relating to this matter, as the record for purpose of proving a prima facie case upon default.

You may be represented by an attorney at the hearing. Legal aid organizations may be able to assist a party with limited financial resources. Generally, partnerships, corporations, associations, governmental subdivisions or public or private organizations are represented by an attorney. However, consistent with OAR 690-002-0020 and OAR 137-003-0555, an agency representative may represent a partnership, corporation, association, governmental subdivision or public or private organization if the Department determines that appearance of a person by an authorized representative will not hinder the orderly and timely development of the record in this case.

Notice Regarding Servicemembers: Active duty servicemembers have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571, or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>. The Oregon Military Department does not have a toll free telephone number.

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- If you have any questions about statements contained in this document, please contact Kim French at Kim.R.French@oregon.gov or 503-986-0816.
 - If you have questions about how to file a protest or if you have previously filed a protest and you want to know the status, please contact Patricia McCarty at 503-986-0820.
 - If you have any questions about the Department or any of its programs, please contact our Water Resources Customer Service Group at 503-986-0900.
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STATE OF OREGON

COUNTY OF HOOD RIVER

DRAFT PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE THE PUBLIC WATERS

THIS DRAFT PERMIT IS HEREBY ISSUED TO

FARMERS IRRIGATION DISTRICT
1985 COUNTRY CLUB RD
HOOD RIVER OR 97031

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

APPLICATION FILE NUMBER: S-88232

SOURCE OF WATER: UPPER GREEN POINT RESERVOIR, CONSTRUCTED UNDER PERMIT R-698, ENLARGED UNDER PERMIT R-15387, TRIBUTARY TO HOOD RIVER

PURPOSE OR USE OF THE STORED WATER: SUPPLEMENTAL IRRIGATION OF 548.15 ACRES

MAXIMUM VOLUME: 605.0 ACRE-FEET

PERIOD OF USE: APRIL 15 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30

DATE OF PRIORITY: MAY 23, 2016

POINT OF DIVERSION:

POD Name	Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Measured Distances
UPPER GREEN POINT RESERVOIR	2 N	9 E	WM	22	NW SE	NORTH 32 DEGREES 47 MINUTES 1 SECOND WEST, 2746 FEET FROM SE CORNER, SECTION 22

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
2 N	10 E	WM	4	NE NW	28.90
2 N	10 E	WM	4	NW NW	14.90
2 N	10 E	WM	4	SW NW	2.15
2 N	10 E	WM	4	SE NW	7.60
2 N	10 E	WM	4	NW SW	10.90
2 N	10 E	WM	5	NE NE	3.90
2 N	10 E	WM	5	NW NE	10.35
2 N	10 E	WM	5	SW NE	3.50
2 N	10 E	WM	5	SE NE	10.85
2 N	10 E	WM	5	NE NW	2.75
2 N	10 E	WM	5	SE NW	7.00

Twp	Rng	Mer	Sec	Q-Q	Acres
2 N	10 E	WM	5	NE SW	24.75
2 N	10 E	WM	5	SE SW	23.50
2 N	10 E	WM	5	NE SE	19.00
2 N	10 E	WM	8	NE NE	11.70
2 N	10 E	WM	8	NW NE	3.10
2 N	10 E	WM	8	SW NE	13.80
2 N	10 E	WM	8	SE NW	9.90
2 N	10 E	WM	8	NE SW	7.80
2 N	10 E	WM	8	NW SW	14.95
2 N	10 E	WM	8	SW SW	24.30
2 N	10 E	WM	8	SE SW	2.25
2 N	10 E	WM	8	NW SE	17.20
2 N	10 E	WM	8	SW SE	11.00
2 N	10 E	WM	10	NW SW	2.60
2 N	10 E	WM	15	SW NW	3.80
2 N	10 E	WM	16	SE NE	7.20
2 N	10 E	WM	16	NE NW	2.10
2 N	10 E	WM	16	NE SE	2.70
2 N	10 E	WM	17	NE NE	0.30
2 N	10 E	WM	17	NW NE	10.60
2 N	10 E	WM	17	NE NW	12.85
2 N	10 E	WM	17	NW NW	23.25
2 N	10 E	WM	17	SW NW	17.30
2 N	10 E	WM	17	SE NW	16.40
2 N	10 E	WM	17	NE SW	8.00
2 N	10 E	WM	17	NW SW	25.75
2 N	10 E	WM	17	SW SW	8.15
2 N	10 E	WM	17	SW SE	11.70
2 N	10 E	WM	17	SE SE	1.30
2 N	10 E	WM	18	NE NE	3.00
2 N	10 E	WM	20	NE NW	5.55
2 N	10 E	WM	20	NW NW	25.45
3 N	10 E	WM	33	NE NE	1.80
3 N	10 E	WM	33	SW NE	0.90
3 N	10 E	WM	33	SE NW	0.70
3 N	10 E	WM	33	NE SW	34.75
3 N	10 E	WM	33	NW SW	14.55
3 N	10 E	WM	33	SE SW	18.75
3 N	10 E	WM	33	NW SE	2.40
3 N	10 E	WM	33	SW SE	0.25

1. Water Use Measurement, Recording, and Reporting Condition:

- A. Before water use may begin under this permit, the permittee shall install a totalizing flow meter at each point of diversion. 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.
2. The permittee may be required in the future to install, maintain, and operate fish screening and bypass devices to prevent fish from entering the proposed diversion and to provide adequate upstream and downstream passage for fish.
 3. Prior to the diversion of water, all conditions under Permit R-15387 shall be met.

STANDARD CONDITIONS

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. The use of water allowed herein may be made only at times when sufficient water is available to satisfy all prior rights, including prior rights for maintaining instream flows.
5. 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.
6. Construction of the water system 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 begin construction deadline is missed.
7. 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.
8. Within one year after complete application of water to the proposed use, 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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Oregon Water Resources Department

Mailing List for PFO Copies

Application S-88232

PFO Date May 14, 2019

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