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July 19, 2005

Golden Gate Hop Ranches Inc
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Re: Emergency Drought Permit No. G4-35036

In accordance with the provisions of RCW 43.83B.405, on March 10, 2005, it was ordered and determined by the Director of the Department of Ecology that the State of Washington is under drought conditions. In accordance with the provisions of WAC 173-166-060, the Department of Ecology is under the terms of this Order, issuing an EMERGENCY DROUGHT PERMIT. The intent of this authorization is to alleviate hardships and reduce the burdens on water users arising from the drought conditions.

THIS AUTHORIZATION SHALL IN NO MANNER BE CONSTRUED TO GUARANTEE OR IMPLY THAT A FINAL (REGULAR) PERMIT WILL ISSUE FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE WATER USE HEREIN AUTHORIZED.

The Department of Ecology has agreed to fund the cost of the mitigation or offsets for the impacts associated with the drought emergency authorizations. Ecology is attempting to meet the essential irrigation needs of farmers growing perennial crops (such as orchard crops, grapes, hops, etc.) where the loss of irrigation water would permanently damage the crops. Through the use of emergency supplemental wells, Ecology is authorizing up to 80% of the usual irrigation water supply delivered by the irrigation districts. In a normal year, Roza Irrigation District (Roza) is prepared to deliver 3 to 3.3 acre-feet of water per acre. 80% of 3.3 acre-feet is 2.6 acre-feet. Roza is expected to deliver approximately 0.8 acre-feet of water. The applicant is assessed by the Roza Irrigation District for 317.7 acres of land, but says he only irrigates 309 acres. Of those 309 acres of land, 34% (105 acres) are planted in apples, 29% (89.6 acres) are planted in hops, and 114.4 acres are fallow and will not be irrigated this year.

Over half of the irrigation season has already past, so this authorization will be adjusted to reflect what 80% of the crop irrigation requirements (CIR) are for the remainder of the season using the State of Washington Irrigation Guide (WIG). The CIR for hops from the second half of July through October 31 is 15.91 inches or 1.33 acre-feet per acre. 80% of that requirement is 1.06 acre-feet per acre. The CIR for apples with cover from the second half of July through October 31 is 22.85 inches or 1.9 acre-feet per acre. 80% of that requirement is 1.52 acre-feet per acre.

This authorization will allow up to 1.06 acre-feet of water per acre for 105 acres of hops and 1.52 acre feet of water per acre for 89.6 acres of apples. 60% of the assessed Roza Irrigation District water has already been delivered. Roza should be expected to deliver another 62.27 acre-feet (0.8 acre-feet – 60%) of water by the end of the irrigation season. This will be subtracted from the total amount of water authorized in this report.

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This authorization is subject to the following limitations and provisions:

This authorization is for new well located approximately 100 feet east and 100 feet south of the north quarter corner of Section 16, being within the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 16, T. 9 N., R. 24 E.W.M.

The instantaneous quantity of water to be withdrawn is limited to 1200 gpm.

The use of 185.22 acre-feet of water is authorized under this emergency permit for the supplemental irrigation of 105 acres of hops and 89.6 acres of apples.

The place of use is described as follows:

Benton County Parcel No. 116941000000000, being within the east half of Section 16,
T. 9 N., R. 24 E.W.M.

To develop a well in the Saddle Mountains Aquifer, the well must comply with the following construction requirements and restrictions:

- (a) Unperforated casing shall be set or placed (not driven) twenty (20) feet into the top of Pomona Member (basalt) of the Saddle Mountain Formation, which is estimated to occur at or below a depth of approximately 230 feet.
- (b) The well annulus shall be at least four (4) inches greater in diameter than the permanent casing.
- (c) The well casing annulus shall be sealed into the top of the Pomona with a neat cement or neat cement grout. The sealing material shall be placed in the annulus by pumping to seal the entire annulus from the bottom of the casing to the land surface.
- (d) The well depth shall terminate at or above a depth corresponding to the top of the Priest Rapids Member of the Wanapum Formation, which should be encountered at a depth of approximately 660 feet.
- (e) Installation of an airline and an access port for water level measurement is required.

When flowing artesian conditions are known or suspected, the operator shall have a written sealing plan prepared prior to initiation of construction. Flowing wells shall be so constructed and equipped with valves to ensure that the flow of water can be completely stopped when not being used. Likewise, the well shall be so maintained as to prevent the waste of water through leaky casings, pipes, fittings, valves, or pumps -- either above or below land surface.

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The driller shall collect and retain basalt chip samples starting with the first basalt encountered and every 20 feet thereafter and at significant changes in lithology. The depth each sample is taken from shall be recorded with the sample. Gross sample size should be large enough to provide a net minimum of sixteen (16) ounces of dry, clean, washed basalt chips from each sample. Staff from Ecology will pick up the samples during and/or at the conclusion of drilling and may arrange for X-ray Fluorescence Analysis. As soon as the drilling schedule is established, the applicant shall notify Anna Hoselton (509) 454-7887 or Ron Dixon (509) 454-7897 at the Department of Ecology, Yakima, WA, to go over any questions and arrange for site access by Ecology staff.

The new well shall be constructed by August 1, 2005. If the new well is not completed by August 1, 2005, you must notify Ecology and provide us with an estimated completion date and a statement describing how the well will be used to provide supplemental water this year. If the well cannot be completed in sufficient time to provide water this year, this emergency permit will be cancelled.

A suitable flow meter approved by the Department of Ecology shall be installed and maintained in accordance with Chapter 173-173 WAC. (Installation, operation and maintenance requirements attached hereto.)

Whenever water is being withdrawn, bi-weekly (every two weeks) readings of the flow meter shall be recorded and maintained by the permittee. These readings shall be documented by time, date, withdrawal rate, and the person conducting the measurements. Copies of these records shall be submitted to the Department of Ecology by November 15, 2005.

Department of Ecology personnel, upon presentation of proper credentials, shall have access at reasonable times, to the records of water use that are kept to meet the above conditions, and to inspect at reasonable times any measuring device used to meet the above conditions.

Withdrawal of water under this authorization may be limited or otherwise regulated in favor of senior rights.

This drought emergency authorization expires on October 31, 2005.

You have the right to appeal this decision to the Pollution Control Hearings Board. Pursuant to Chapter 43.21B RCW, your appeal must be filed with the Pollution Control Hearings Board, and served on the Department of Ecology, within thirty (30) days of the date of your receipt of this document.

To appeal this decision, your notice of appeal must contain a copy of the Ecology decision you are appealing.

Your appeal must be filed with:

The Pollution Control Hearings Board
4224 - 6th Avenue SE Rowe Six Bldg 2
PO Box 40903
Lacey WA 98504-0903

Your appeal must also be served on:

The Department of Ecology
Appeals Coordinator
PO Box 47608
Olympia WA 98504-7608

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In addition, please send a copy of your appeal to:

Robert F. Barwin
Department of Ecology
15 W Yakima Ave Ste 200
Yakima WA 98902-3452

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RFB', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

Robert F. Barwin, Section Manager
Water Resources Program
Central Region Office, Dept. of Ecology

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Enclosures: Flow Meter Requirements
Your Right To Be Heard

cc: Philip Rigdon, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Division, Yakama Nation