



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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May 6, 2005

Richard & Dorothy Meyer
PO Box 157
Woodland WA 98674

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Meyer:

Re: Water Right Application No. **S2-29709**

We are pleased to let you know that we are now reviewing water right applications in your area, and are able to begin processing your application for appropriation of water. Thank you for your patience; budget and staffing limitations have caused the processing delay. The next step in the application process is to have a legal notice of application published.

Legal Notice

A legal notice of application announces your proposed water use to the public and allows interested persons to comment. We have prepared and enclosed this notice for you. You need to arrange (including covering the costs) for it to be published in the legal section of a newspaper published in **Clark** County. It must appear once a week for two consecutive weeks. The selected newspaper must:

- have general circulation in the area where the water is to be diverted and used, and
- be qualified as a legal newspaper.

The enclosed newspaper list may help you select an appropriate newspaper for the area. It is important to select a suitable newspaper: if the notice is published in a newspaper that does not meet the above criteria, you will be required to have the notice re-published, at your expense.

Publication should start within 60 days of the date of this letter. Please contact us if you have concerns about meeting this deadline.

Review Legal Notice carefully

It is your responsibility to check the notice carefully before having it published. If you find an error, please contact this office for correction and/or resolution. If we later find an error in your public notice, you will be required to re-publish an amended notice at your expense.



Next step

After publication, you must request an Affidavit of Publication from the newspaper(s) in which your notice was published. The Affidavit must be an **original, notarized** copy of your notice. Please forward it to our office as soon as possible. We cannot accept a photocopy of the affidavit.

If I can provide any further assistance, please contact me at (360) 407-0240 or sfox461@ecy.wa.gov. Please reference your application number in any future contact with us; it will help us serve you more quickly.

Sincerely,



Sheri Carroll
Water Resources Program
Southwest Regional Office

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Enclosures: Public Notice
Newspaper list

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REGIONAL OFFICE

October 13, 1998

Dorothy M. Meyer
PO Box 157
Woodland, WA 98674

Dear Mrs. Meyer:

Re: Surface Water Application No. S2-29709

I have reviewed your pending application for a water right and also visited your home.

It was determined that you are presently diverting water from the North Fork Lewis River for in-house only. The amount of water you are pumping is a diminimus amount in relation to the amount of water flowing in the river and certainly does not impose any harm to the environment or to existing rights.

In view of this I would not consider enforcement upon your diversion activities as long as it remains in-house use only, even though a permit is required for any diversion of surface water.

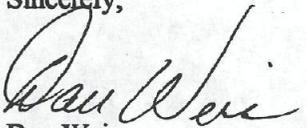
I want to thank you for your pending application, it will remain on file until such time the Department of Ecology can take action upon it. When this will happen is not certain due to present back log of applications and an ongoing watershed study occurring in Clark County which will include the North Fork Lewis River.

If the construction of a well were feasible at your site I would recommend doing that. However, from what I observed the siting of a well may be a problem to establish enough room from potential contamination problems.

I recommend that you continue to use water for in-house purposes only, until such time that the Department of Ecology can act upon your application.

If you have any further questions, feel free to call me at (360) 690-4784.

Sincerely,


Dan Weis
Water Resource Program
Vancouver Field Office

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cc: Mike Harris, Department of Ecology, SWRO
To file: S2-29709

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May 12, 1998

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To Whom It May Concern:

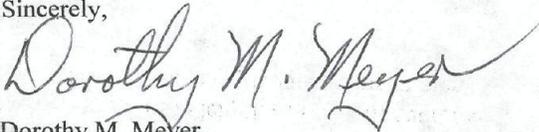
Monday, May 11, I met with Mr. Dan Weis, your Environmental Specialist 4 in the Vancouver office. The purpose of my visit was to inquire about either proof of existing water rights or the application process necessary to procure them. Because of the urgency of time in respect of our needs, Mr. Weis recommended that I send a cover letter with my application to ask for expediency in processing the request. He also stated that he would be happy to discuss the situation with you by phone if he can be of any help to you.

Because of my husband's medical condition and our current need, I contacted the Southwest Washington Health District to apply for a "Hardship Placement Permit". Their first response was that we must prove "Water Rights". This came as a shock to us because we were granted a "Placement Permit" for our home in October of 1977 at which time the request stated we would be using water from the Lewis River and it was not questioned. Again in August of 1985, we were granted a "Hardship Placement Permit" which also stated the water would come from the Lewis River and it was not questioned. After having been allowed the use of river water for twenty-one years without sanction it is disconcerting to learn that we are facing a lengthy process when time is of an essence.

After receiving an approval for a hardship placement in 1985, my parents moved in and stayed until he passed away three years ago. We did not reapply for a new permit at that time because our daughter owned a home on the other side of us and was then able to step in and give assistance. She is now going through a divorce which is forcing the sale of her home, therefore, we are now reapplying for a hardship placement to sit in the same area as the first one.

I apologize for the length of this letter and thank you for your indulgence. We also appreciate any special consideration you can give us in this matter.

Sincerely,



Dorothy M. Meyer
P.O. Box 157
Woodland, WA 98674
Telephone: 360-225-8991

Enclosures: Application for Water Rights.
Check for \$10.00 processing fee.
Property description.
Map of the project.
Letter from Dr. stating immediate need.
Copy of first Placement Approval.
Copy of Previous Hardship Approval.



EXHIBIT "A"

The South 215 feet of the North 383 feet, as measured at right angles to the North line, of the following described tract, to wit:

That portion of Government Lot 6 and of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 5 North, Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian in Clark County, Washington that lies Westerly of the West line of County Road No. 16 as established by instrument recorded under Auditor's File No. G 85060 in Book 532, Page 270, Deed Records.

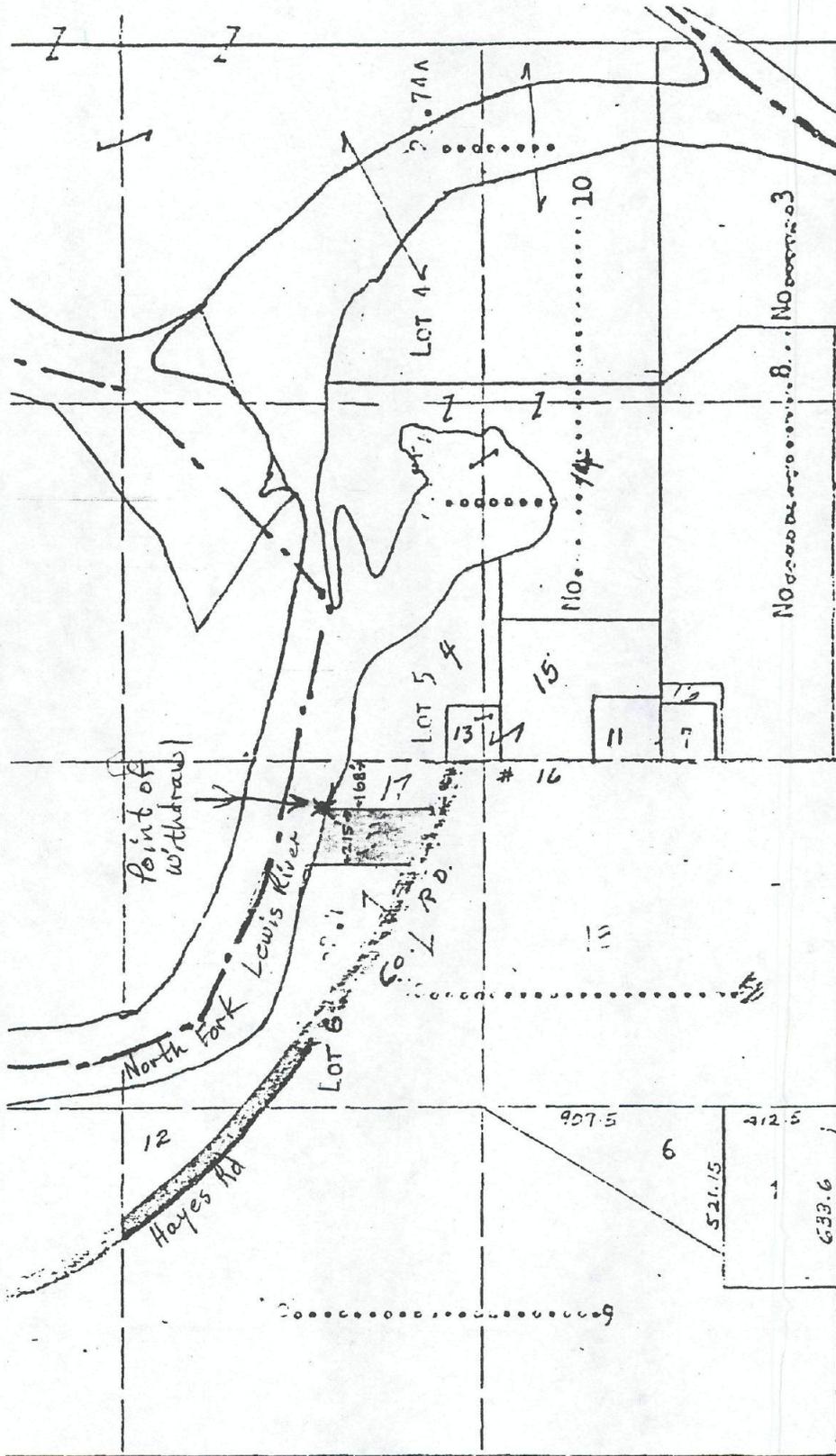
EXCEPT Public Roads.

EXCEPT ALSO, South portion thereof as acquired by Fae M. Greiger, et al, under judgment entered in Cowlitz County Superior Court Cause No. 29000.

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for your aid in locating your land with reference to streets and other parcels. While it is believed to be true, the Company assumes no liability for any loss occurring by reason of reliance thereon.

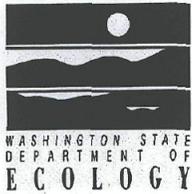
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS

TAKE NOTICE:

That Richard & Dorothy Meyer of Woodland, Washington on May 18, 1998, under Application No. S2-29709 filed for a permit to appropriate public waters, subject to existing rights, from the North Fork Lewis River tributary to the Columbia River in the amount of .02 cubic feet per second as needed year round each year for single domestic supply. The source of the proposed appropriation is located within the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 9, T. 5 N., R. 1 E.W.M., of Clark County, Washington.

Protests or objections to approval of this application must include a detailed statement of the basis for objections and are subject to public disclosure. Indicate in your letter if you prefer to remain anonymous. Protests must be accompanied by a two dollar (\$2.00) recording fee and filed with the Department of Ecology, at the address shown below, within thirty (30) days from: _____ (Last date of publication to be entered above by publisher)

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NOTICE MUST BE PUBLISHED ONCE A WEEK FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE WEEKS





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September 18, 1998

Dear Water Right Applicant:

Re: Water Right Application No. S2-29709

This letter is to acknowledge that the Washington State Department of Ecology received your water right application. We have assigned your application the number indicated above. Please include this number in future correspondence regarding your application with the Department of Ecology.

When we begin actively evaluating applications in your area, we will prepare a public notice and send it to you with publication instructions. It will be sometime before we are able to begin working in your area. In the meantime, please notify Ecology of changes such as address, property ownership, or variations in your proposed water use plans.

The availability of water in Washington state is a serious problem. Much of the water in our state has already been appropriated. The competition for water has escalated with our state's increasing population, conflicting water policy issues, and grave declines in salmon and other fish populations. A new watershed management law brings us a step closer to addressing some of these issues. It sets into motion a locally based process to address water quantity, quality, and habitat issues. Watershed management will help meet challenges for getting water to people, industries, farms, and fish.

In some areas of the state, we are continuing to evaluate applications within watersheds where we have previously gathered information and completed watershed assessments. We are also continuing to process water right permit or change applications that are intended to address public health and safety emergencies, the natural environment, or are for nonconsumptive withdrawals. All other applications are grouped by watershed and processed according to the date of submittal, and when we have enough information and staff resources to make decisions.

If you would like further information on your application, please contact the Southwest Regional Office at (360) 407-0240.

Sincerely,

J. Mike Harris

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Water Resources Supervisor
Southwest Regional Office

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