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#### BEFORE THE STATE OF OREGON OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION CENTER FOR HEALTH PROTECTION

In the Matter of

Applegate Trail RV Park/4 W's, LLC, PWS OR4192123

Respondent

# NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

To: Brogan Weybright 4 W's, LLC 640 N 9th Street Cottage Grove, OR 97424

4 W's, LLC has at all times mentioned herein owned and operated, and continues to own and operate, the public water system (hereinafter "Water System") identified by public water system ID# OR41-92123 and serving the Applegate Trail RV Park, located at 869 Autumn Lane in Glendale, Oregon. The Water System is a transient non-community public water system serving approximately 100 people and is subject to regulation under Oregon Revised Statutes 448.115 to 448.290 and Oregon Administrative Rules 333-061-0005 to 333-061-0272.

4 W's, LLC (hereinafter "Water Supplier") is therefore a water supplier as defined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 448.115(12) and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-061-0020, and as a water supplier, has specific responsibilities that are identified in OAR 333-061-0025.

Pursuant to its authority established in ORS 431A.010 and ORS 448.255, the Oregon Health Authority, Public Health Division, Center for Health Protection, Drinking Water Services (DWS) has investigated the operation of the Water System.

DWS found, during its investigation that Water Supplier did not consistently report sample results for coliform bacteria or nitrate. Water Supplier also failed to correct significant deficiencies identified during a sanitary survey at the Water System. Water Supplier is therefore unable to assure its water users that the water is sufficiently free from contaminants such that individuals will not be exposed to disease or harmful physiological effects (ORS 448.115(8)). This represents a potential public health hazard.

This Notice of Violation and Administrative Order (Order) is being issued to Water Supplier for the specific violations of the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (ORS 448.115 to ORS 448.290) and rules found during DWS' investigation as described below.

# DESCRIPTION OF RULE VIOLATIONS

- OAR 333-061-0025(1) requires water suppliers to routinely collect and submit water samples for laboratory analyses at the frequencies prescribed by OAR 333-061-0036. OAR 333-061-0036 requires sampling for coliform bacteria and nitrate at public water systems as described in Violation No.1 and Violation No. 2 below, but Water Supplier did not report sample results to DWS, which constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0025(1) if samples were in fact not collected.
- 2. OAR 333-061-0036(2)(c) requires water suppliers to monitor for nitrate at least once every year at public water systems. Additionally, OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A) requires water suppliers to report monitoring required by OAR 333-061-0036 to DWS within 10 days of the end of the required monitoring period. Water Supplier has not reported nitrate monitoring for the Water System since reporting a sample collected on January 20, 2021. This constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0036(2)(c), or a violation of OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A) if monitoring was conducted but not reported.
- OAR 333-061-0036(6)(b) requires, in part, water suppliers to monitor for coliform bacteria at least once every month at public water systems. Additionally, OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A) requires water suppliers to report monitoring required by OAR 333-061-0036 to DWS within 10 days of the end of the required monitoring period. Water Supplier has not reported monitoring for coliform bacteria at the Water System since reporting a sample collected on June 30, 2022. This constitutes a violation of

OAR 333-061-0036(6)(b), or a violation of OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b)(A) if monitoring was conducted but not reported.

4. OAR 333-061-0076(5)(b) requires, in part, water suppliers to correct significant deficiencies or to comply with an approved corrective action schedule within 120 days of notification. Douglas County Drinking Water conducted a sanitary survey on January 25, 2022 and notified Water Supplier of three significant deficiencies on May 23, 2022. Water Supplier did not report that the significant deficiencies were corrected by the September 26, 2022 due date and did not recommend an action plan for correction of the deficiencies. This constitutes a violation of OAR 333-061-0076(5).

### ACTIONS REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE

Water Supplier is required to conduct the remedial actions described below which, if taken within the time specified in this Order, will constitute compliance with the rule(s) violated (ORS 448.255(3)).

- 1. Water Supplier must monitor for nitrate at the Water System according to the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0036(2)(c) and report the monitoring results to DWS no later than 30 days after the date of service of this Order.
- 2. Water Supplier must monitor for coliform bacteria at the Water System every month, and according to all the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0036(6).
  - All applicable routine, repeat and source water monitoring must be conducted at the Water System beginning no later than 30 days after the date of service of this Order.
  - All monitoring must be reported to DWS within 10 days of the end of the month or following sample analysis, according to the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0040(1)(b).
  - Water supplier will have complied with this corrective action after coliform bacteria are reported to DWS for six consecutive months according to all the applicable provisions of OAR 333-061-0036(6).
- 3. Water Supplier must correct every significant deficiency identified during the sanitary survey conducted at the Water System on January 25, 2022 to the satisfaction of Douglas County Drinking Water.

- Significant deficiencies must be corrected within 30 days after the date of service of this Order.
- Water Supplier must submit to re-inspection of the Water System or must submit photographic verification that deficiencies are corrected at the discretion of Douglas County Drinking Water.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS AND CIVIL PENALTIES

This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension or modification of the requirements of the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act (ORS 448.115 to 448.290) and Oregon Administrative Rules OAR 333-061-0005 to 333-061-0272, which remain in full force and effect.

This Order does not relieve Water Supplier of any responsibilities or liabilities established pursuant to any applicable federal, state, or local law or regulation.

Issuance of this Order is not an election by DWS to forgo any civil actions authorized under the Oregon Drinking Water Quality Act.

Failure to comply with any of the requirements in this Order by the specified due date may result in additional enforcement action, which could include assessment of civil penalties in the amount of \$50 per day per violation (OAR 333-061-0090). Civil penalties may be assessed beginning the day following the date of service of this Order and accruing through the date when DWS issues a Notice of Intent to Impose Civil Penalty. For example, if DWS issues a Notice of Intent to Impose Civil Penalty on August 1, 2023 for failure to report monitoring for both coliform bacteria and nitrate and for failing to correct significant deficiencies, according to this Order, the proposed civil penalty could be as much as \$4,500.

Pursuant to ORS 448.990(2), violations of a rule of the Oregon Health Authority may be a crime in Oregon and punishable as a Class A misdemeanor.

### NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST A HEARING

You are entitled to a hearing as provided by the Administrative Procedure Act (Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 183). If you want a hearing you must file a written request for hearing with DWS within 10 days from the date this Order was mailed. **The request for hearing must be sent to: Samina Panwhar, Manager; Oregon Health Authority,** 

# Drinking Water Services; and may be delivered by mail to PO Box 14450, Portland, OR 97293 or by email to <u>samina.t.panwhar@oha.oregon.gov</u>.

If you request a hearing, DWS will notify you of the time and place at which the hearing will be held. You may enlist representation by legal counsel. Per ORS 413.041, a party that is not a natural person may be represented by an attorney or by any officer or authorized agent or employee of the party. Parties are ordinarily represented by counsel. DWS will be represented by an Assistant Attorney General. Prior to the hearing date, DWS will provide you with information on the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing. An administrative law judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings will be assigned to preside over the hearing, as required by ORS 183.635.

If you do not make a timely request for a hearing, the Notice of Violation and Administrative Order will become final and effective 11 days after the date this Order was mailed. If the Order becomes final in this manner, you will have the right to appeal the order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 71 days from the day this order was mailed. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 71-day period, you will lose your right to appeal.

If you do not request a hearing and DWS subsequently issues a Notice Imposing a Civil Penalty, you will have waived any right to contest the violations.

If you withdraw a request for hearing, or notify DWS or the administrative law judge that you will not appear or fail to appear at a scheduled hearing, DWS may issue a final order by default. If the Order becomes final in this manner, you will have the right to appeal the Order to the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to ORS 183.482. To appeal you must file a petition for judicial review with the Court of Appeals within 60 days from the day this Order was mailed. If you do not file a petition for judicial review within the 60-day period, you will lose your right to appeal.

### Notice to Active Duty Servicemembers

Active-duty service members have a right to stay proceedings under the federal Service members Civil Relief Act and may contact the Oregon State Bar at 1 (800) 452-8260 or the Oregon Military Department at 503-584-3571 for more information. The internet address for the United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Locator website is <a href="http://legalassistance.law.af.mil">http://legalassistance.law.af.mil</a>.

DWS has designated its complete file on the Water System as the record in this case for purposes of proving a prima facie case upon default.

If you need to receive the information in this Order in an alternate format, or if you have any questions about the requirements in this Order, please contact Brad K. Daniels at <u>bradley.k.daniels@oha.oregon.gov</u> or 503-735-5438.

Date 6/15/2023

Samina Panwhar, Manager Drinking Water Services Oregon Health Authority

cc: Jacob Mauro, Douglas County Drinking Water Health Rebecca Templin, Oregon Health Authority, Drinking Water Services

June 16, 2023

DATE of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Brad K. Daniels

Printed Name

By certified mail and first-class mail