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In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals for a project up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, up to 5,000 gallons per day used for industrial purposes, stock watering, and for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of non-commercial lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

This project requires a water right. It is Ecology's understanding the project proponent will be submitting a water right change application for the water use proposed for this project with the Benton County Water Conservancy Board (board). Water conservancy boards process change applications and issue records of decision for Ecology's review. Ecology will then make the final decision to either affirm, reverse, or modify the board's decision.

If you have any questions or would like to respond to these Water Resources comments, please contact Breean Zimmerman at (509) 406-5130 or email at breean.zimmerman@ecy.wa.gov.

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