WELL PERMIT NUMBER 83325-F RECEIPT NUMBER

3689725D

ORIGINAL PERMIT APPLICANT(S)

APPROVED WELL LOCATION

Water Division: 2 Water District: 10 PETE LIEN & SONS INC

> Designated Basin: UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK

Management District: UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL

County: **EL PASO** 

Parcel Name:

N/A

Physical Address: N/A **AUTHORIZED AGENT** 

MARTIN AND WOOD WATER CONSULTANTS INC (BERG,

WILLIAM)

SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 34 Township 12.0 S Range 64.0 W Sixth P.M.

UTM COORDINATES (Meters, Zone:13, NAD83)

Easting: 538927.0 Northing: 4312217.0

### PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A NEW WELL

# ISSUANCE OF THIS PERMIT DOES NOT CONFER A WATER RIGHT CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

- 1) This well shall be used in such a way as to cause no material injury to existing water rights. The issuance of this permit does not ensure that no injury will occur to another vested water right or preclude another owner of a vested water right from seeking relief in a civil court action.
- 2) The construction of this well shall be in compliance with the Water Well Construction Rules 2 CCR 402-2, unless approval of a variance has been granted by the State Board of Examiners of Water Well Construction and Pump Installation Contractors in accordance with Rule 18.
- Approved pursuant to CRS 37-90-107(7) and the Findings and Order of the Colorado Ground Water Commission dated June 19. 3) 2019, for Determination of Water Right No. 3711-BD.
- 4) The pumping rate of this well shall not exceed 300 GPM.
- The annual withdrawal of ground water from this well shall not exceed 32.2 acre-feet, subject to the total annual withdrawal 5) limitations and conditions as specified by the above referenced Order of the Commission.
- 6) The use of ground water from this well is limited to industrial, commercial and irrigation. The place of use shall be limited to the 92.47 acre land area claimed in the above described Order of the Commission.
- This well must be constructed to withdraw water from only the Arapahoe aguifer. The top of the Arapahoe aguifer is located approximately 980 feet below the ground surface. The bottom of the Arapahoe aguifer is located approximately 1475 feet below the ground surface. Plain casing must be installed and grouted to prevent the diversion of water from other aguifers and the movement of water between aguifers.
- 8) The owner shall mark the well in a conspicuous location with the well permit number and name of aguifer as appropriate, and shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- This well shall be constructed within 200 feet of the location specified on this permit. This well shall not be located within 600 feet of another large-capacity well completed in the Arapahoe aquifer.
- The entire length of the hole shall be geophysically logged as required by Rule 9 of the Statewide Nontributary Ground Water Rules prior to installing casing.
- A totalizing flow meter or Commission approved measuring device must be installed on this well and maintained in good working 11) order. Permanent records of all diversions must be maintained by the well owner (collected at least annually) and submitted to the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District and the Ground Water Commission upon request.
- No more than 98% of the ground water withdrawn annually shall be consumed. The Commission may require well owners to demonstrate periodically that no more than 98% of the water withdrawn is being consumed.
  - NOTE: The ability of this well to withdraw its authorized amount of water from this non-renewable aguifer may be less than the 100 years upon which the amount of water in the aquifer is allocated, due to anticipated water level declines.
  - NOTE: This well is located within the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District where local District Rules apply which may further limit the withdrawal and use of designated ground water as authorized under this permit.
  - NOTE: This well will be completed in a Type I aquifer penetrating only one confining layer and must be constructed in accordance with Well Construction Rule 10.4.5.1 (2 CCR 402-2).

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Issued By JOANNA WILLIAMS Expiration Date: 6/24/2020

# COLORADO GROUND WATER COMMISSION FINDINGS AND ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHT TO GROUND WATER IN THE UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK DESIGNATED GROUND WATER BASIN

DETERMINATION NO.: 3710-BD

AQUIFER: Laramie-Fox Hills

APPLICANT: Pete Lien & Sons, Inc.

In compliance with Section 37-90-107(7), C.R.S., and the Designated Basin Rules, 2 CCR 410-1, Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. (hereinafter "Applicant") submitted an application for determination of water right to designated ground water from the Laramie-Fox Hills Aquifer.

### **FINDINGS**

- 1. The application was received by the Colorado Ground Water Commission on December 13, 2018.
- 2. The Applicant requests a determination of right to designated ground water in the Laramie-Fox Hills Aquifer (hereinafter "Aquifer") underlying 92.47 acres, generally described as a portion of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 and a portion of the west 528 feet of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 34, Township 12 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., in El Paso County. According to a signed Ownership Statement dated December 27, 2018, attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Applicant owns the 92.47 acres of land, which are further described in said Ownership Statement (hereinafter "Overlying Land"), and claims control of the right to the ground water in the Aquifer underlying this land (hereinafter "Underlying Ground Water").
- 3. The Overlying Land is located within the boundaries of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Designated Ground Water Basin and within the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District. The Colorado Ground Water Commission (hereinafter "Commission") has jurisdiction over the ground water that is the subject of this Determination.
- 4. The Commission Staff has evaluated the application relying on the claims to control of the Underlying Ground Water in the Aquifer made by the Applicant.
- 5. The Applicant intends to apply the Underlying Ground Water to the following beneficial uses: industrial, commercial and irrigation. The Applicant's proposed place of use of the Underlying Ground Water is the above described 92.47 acres of overlying land.
- 6. The application requests the maximum allowable annual amount of Underlying Ground Water from beneath the Overlying Land.
- 7. The quantity of water in the Aquifer underlying the 92.47 acres of Overlying Land claimed by the applicant is 2,840 acre-feet. This determination was based on the following as specified in the Designated Basin Rules:
  - a. The average specific yield of the saturated permeable material of the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land that could yield a sufficient quantity of water that may be extracted and applied to beneficial use is 15 percent.

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Aquifer: Laramie-Fox Hills
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b. The average thickness of the saturated permeable material of the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land that could yield a sufficient quantity of water that may be extracted and applied to beneficial use is 205 feet.

- 8. Pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7)(a), C.R.S., and in accordance with the Designated Basin Rules, the Commission shall allocate the underlying ground water based on ownership of the overlying land and an aquifer life of one hundred years. Should the entire quantity of underlying ground water identified above be available for allocation, the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal from the Aquifer that could be allocated from beneath the Overlying Land would be 28.4 acre-feet per year.
- 9. A review of the records in the Office of the State Engineer has disclosed that none of the Underlying Ground Water in the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land has been previously allocated or permitted for withdrawal.
- 10. Pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7)(c)(III), C.R.S., an approved determination of water right shall be considered a final determination of the amount of ground water so determined; except that the Commission shall retain jurisdiction for subsequent adjustment of such amount to conform to the actual local aquifer characteristics from adequate information obtained from well drilling or test holes.
- 11. The ability of wells permitted to withdraw the authorized amount of water from this non-renewable Aquifer may be less than the one hundred years upon which the amount of water in the Aquifer is allocated, due to anticipated water level declines.
- 12. In accordance with Rule 5.3.6 of the Designated Basin Rules, it has been determined that withdrawal of ground water from the Aquifer underlying the land claimed by the Applicant will not, within one hundred years, deplete the flow of a natural stream or its alluvial aquifer at an annual rate greater than one-tenth of one percent of the annual rate of withdrawal and, therefore, the Underlying Ground Water is nontributary ground water as defined in Rule 4.2.19 of the Designated Basin Rules. Pursuant to the Rules, no more than 98% of the amount of the Underlying Ground Water withdrawn annually shall be consumed.
- 13. On April 30, 2019, in accordance with Rule 9.1 of the Designated Basin Rules, a letter was sent to the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District requesting written recommendations concerning this application. No written recommendations from the district were received.
- 14. In accordance with Sections 37-90-107(7)(c)(II) and 37-90-112, C.R.S., the application was published in the Ranchland News newspaper on May 2, 2019 and May 9, 2019. No objections to the application were received within the time limit set by statute.

# **ORDER**

In accordance with Section 37-90-107(7), C.R.S., and the Designated Basin Rules, the Colorado Ground Water Commission orders that the application for determination of right to designated ground water in the Laramie-Fox Hills Aquifer underlying 92.47 acres of land, generally described as a portion of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 and a portion of the west 528 feet of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 34, Township 12 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., further described in Exhibit A, is approved subject to the following conditions:

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Aquifer: Laramie-Fox Hills Applicant: Pete Lien & Sons, Inc.

15. The allowed average annual amount of withdrawal of Underlying Ground Water from the Aquifer shall not exceed 28.4 acre-feet.

- 16. The total volume of Underlying Ground Water that may be withdrawn from the Aquifer pursuant to this Determination of Water Right shall not exceed 2,840 acre-feet.
- 17. The Commission may adjust the total volume and the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal of Underlying Ground Water that may be withdrawn from the Aquifer to conform to actual Aquifer characteristics based on analysis of geophysical logs or other site-specific data if such analysis indicates that the initial estimate of the amount of Underlying Ground Water in the Aquifer was incorrect.
- 18. The allowed maximum annual amount of withdrawal may exceed the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal as long as the total volume of Underlying Ground Water withdrawn does not exceed the product of the number of years since the date of approval of this determination times the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal.
- 19. The Applicant may pump the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal and the allowed maximum annual amount of withdrawal from one or more wells of a well field in any combination, so long as the total combined withdrawal of the wells does not exceed the amounts described in this Order.
- 20. No more than 98% of the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water withdrawn annually shall be consumed. The Commission may require well owners to demonstrate periodically that no more than 98% of the underlying ground water withdrawn is being consumed.
- 21. The use of the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water from this allocation shall be limited to the following beneficial uses: industrial, commercial and irrigation. The place of use shall be limited to the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land. The ground water that is the subject of this Determination may be reused and successively used to extinction to the extent dominion and control over the water is maintained and its volume can be distinguished from the volume of any stream system into which it is introduced to the satisfaction of the Commission. The ground water right determined herein is located within the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District where local District rules apply which may further limit the withdrawal and use of the subject designated ground water.
- 22. Approval of this determination meets the requirements of Section 37-90-107(7)(d)(II) that requires a determination of ground water be made prior to the granting of a well permit pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7).
- 23. Wells withdrawing the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water allocated herein are subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The wells must be located on the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land.
  - b. No well shall be located within 600 feet of any existing large-capacity well in the same Aquifer unless a Waiver of Claim of Injury is obtained from the owner of the existing well or unless the Commission, after a hearing, finds that circumstances in a particular instance warrant that a well may be permitted without regard to this limitation.
  - The wells must be constructed to withdraw water from only the Laramie-Fox Hills Aguifer.

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- d. The entire depth of each well must be geophysically logged <u>prior</u> to installing the casing as set forth in Rule 9 of the Statewide Nontributary Ground Water Rules, 2 CCR 402-7.
- e. A totalizing flow meter or other Commission approved measuring device shall be installed on each well and maintained in good working order by the well owner. Annual diversion records shall be collected and permanently maintained by the well owner and submitted to the Commission and the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District upon request.
- f. The well shall be marked in a conspicuous place with this determination number, the well permit number, and the name of the Aquifer. The well owner shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- 24. A copy of this Findings and Order shall be recorded by the Applicant in the public records of the county in which the Overlying Land is located so that a title examination of the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land area, or any part thereof, shall reveal the existence of this determination.
- 25. The ground water right determined herein is a vested property right with specific ownership. The ground water right may be transferred independent of the land under which the right originated. Any action taken that is intended to convey, transfer, and/or sell the subject water right shall explicitly identify this Determination of Water Right number, the specific aquifer, and the annual volume (based on a 100-year aquifer life) or total volume of ground water that is being conveyed.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

Kevin G. Rein, P.E Executive Director

Colorado Ground Water Commission

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Keith Vander Horst, P.E. Chief of Water Supply, Basins

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# COLORADO GROUND WATER COMMISSION FINDINGS AND ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHT TO GROUND WATER IN THE UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK DESIGNATED GROUND WATER BASIN

DETERMINATION NO.: 3711-BD

AQUIFER: Ara

Arapahoe

APPLICANT: Pete Lien & Sons, Inc.

In compliance with Section 37-90-107(7), C.R.S., and the Designated Basin Rules, 2 CCR 410-1, Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. (hereinafter "Applicant") submitted an application for determination of water right to designated ground water from the Arapahoe Aquifer.

#### **FINDINGS**

- 1. The application was received by the Colorado Ground Water Commission on December 13, 2018.
- 2. The Applicant requests a determination of right to designated ground water in the Arapahoe Aquifer (hereinafter "Aquifer") underlying 92.47 acres, generally described as a portion of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 and a portion of the west 528 feet of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 34, Township 12 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., in El Paso County. According to a signed Ownership Statement dated December 6, 2018, attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Applicant owns the 92.47 acres of land, which are further described in said Ownership Statement (hereinafter "Overlying Land"), and claims control of the right to the ground water in the Aquifer underlying this land (hereinafter "Underlying Ground Water").
- 3. The Overlying Land is located within the boundaries of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Designated Ground Water Basin and within the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District. The Colorado Ground Water Commission (hereinafter "Commission") has jurisdiction over the ground water that is the subject of this Determination.
- 4. The Commission Staff has evaluated the application relying on the claims to control of the Underlying Ground Water in the Aquifer made by the Applicant.
- 5. The Applicant intends to apply the Underlying Ground Water to the following beneficial uses: industrial, commercial and irrigation. The Applicant's proposed place of use of the Underlying Ground Water is the above described 92.47 acres of overlying land.
- 6. The application requests the maximum allowable annual amount of Underlying Ground Water from beneath the Overlying Land.
- 7. The quantity of water in the Aquifer underlying the 92.47 acres of Overlying Land claimed by the applicant is 3,220 acre-feet. This determination was based on the following as specified in the Designated Basin Rules:
  - a. The average specific yield of the saturated permeable material of the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land that could yield a sufficient quantity of water that may be extracted and applied to beneficial use is 17 percent.

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b. The average thickness of the saturated permeable material of the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land that could yield a sufficient quantity of water that may be extracted and applied to beneficial use is 205 feet.

- 8. Pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7)(a), C.R.S., and in accordance with the Designated Basin Rules, the Commission shall allocate the underlying ground water based on ownership of the overlying land and an aquifer life of one hundred years. Should the entire quantity of underlying ground water identified above be available for allocation, the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal from the Aquifer that could be allocated from beneath the Overlying Land would be 32.2 acre-feet per year.
- 9. A review of the records in the Office of the State Engineer has disclosed that none of the Underlying Ground Water in the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land has been previously allocated or permitted for withdrawal.
- 10. Pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7)(c)(III), C.R.S., an approved determination of water right shall be considered a final determination of the amount of ground water so determined; except that the Commission shall retain jurisdiction for subsequent adjustment of such amount to conform to the actual local aquifer characteristics from adequate information obtained from well drilling or test holes.
- 11. The ability of wells permitted to withdraw the authorized amount of water from this non-renewable Aquifer may be less than the one hundred years upon which the amount of water in the Aquifer is allocated, due to anticipated water level declines.
- 12. In accordance with Rule 5.3.6 of the Designated Basin Rules, it has been determined that withdrawal of ground water from the Aquifer underlying the land claimed by the Applicant will not, within one hundred years, deplete the flow of a natural stream or its alluvial aquifer at an annual rate greater than one-tenth of one percent of the annual rate of withdrawal and, therefore, the Underlying Ground Water is nontributary ground water as defined in Rule 4.2.19 of the Designated Basin Rules. Pursuant to the Rules, no more than 98% of the amount of the Underlying Ground Water withdrawn annually shall be consumed.
- 13. On April 30, 2019, in accordance with Rule 9.1 of the Designated Basin Rules, a letter was sent to the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District requesting written recommendations concerning this application. No written recommendations from the district were received.
- 14. In accordance with Sections 37-90-107(7)(c)(II) and 37-90-112, C.R.S., the application was published in the Ranchland News newspaper on May 2, 2019 and May 9, 2019. No objections to the application were received within the time limit set by statute.

## ORDER

In accordance with Section 37-90-107(7), C.R.S., and the Designated Basin Rules, the Colorado Ground Water Commission orders that the application for determination of right to designated ground water in the Arapahoe Aquifer underlying 92.47 acres of land, generally described as a portion of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 and a portion of the west 528 feet of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 34, Township 12 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., further described in Exhibit A, is approved subject to the following conditions:

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Aquifer: Arapahoe

Applicant: Pete Lien & Sons, Inc.

15. The allowed average annual amount of withdrawal of Underlying Ground Water from the Aquifer shall not exceed 32.2 acre-feet.

- 16. The total volume of Underlying Ground Water that may be withdrawn from the Aquifer pursuant to this Determination of Water Right shall not exceed 3,220 acre-feet.
- 17. The Commission may adjust the total volume and the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal of Underlying Ground Water that may be withdrawn from the Aquifer to conform to actual Aquifer characteristics based on analysis of geophysical logs or other site-specific data if such analysis indicates that the initial estimate of the amount of Underlying Ground Water in the Aquifer was incorrect.
- 18. The allowed maximum annual amount of withdrawal may exceed the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal as long as the total volume of Underlying Ground Water withdrawn does not exceed the product of the number of years since the date of approval of this determination times the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal.
- 19. The Applicant may pump the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal and the allowed maximum annual amount of withdrawal from one or more wells of a well field in any combination, so long as the total combined withdrawal of the wells does not exceed the amounts described in this Order.
- 20. No more than 98% of the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water withdrawn annually shall be consumed. The Commission may require well owners to demonstrate periodically that no more than 98% of the underlying ground water withdrawn is being consumed.
- 21. The use of the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water from this allocation shall be limited to the following beneficial uses: industrial, commercial and irrigation. The place of use shall be limited to the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land. The ground water that is the subject of this Determination may be reused and successively used to extinction to the extent dominion and control over the water is maintained and its volume can be distinguished from the volume of any stream system into which it is introduced to the satisfaction of the Commission. The ground water right determined herein is located within the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District where local District rules apply which may further limit the withdrawal and use of the subject designated ground water.
- 22. Approval of this determination meets the requirements of Section 37-90-107(7)(d)(II) that requires a determination of ground water be made prior to the granting of a well permit pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7).
- 23. Wells withdrawing the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water allocated herein are subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The wells must be located on the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land.
  - b. No well shall be located within 600 feet of any existing large-capacity well in the same Aquifer unless a Waiver of Claim of Injury is obtained from the owner of the existing well or unless the Commission, after a hearing, finds that circumstances in a particular instance warrant that a well may be permitted without regard to this limitation.
  - c. The wells must be constructed to withdraw water from only the Arapahoe Aquifer.

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- d. The entire depth of each well must be geophysically logged <u>prior</u> to installing the casing as set forth in Rule 9 of the Statewide Nontributary Ground Water Rules, 2 CCR 402-7.
- e. A totalizing flow meter or other Commission approved measuring device shall be installed on each well and maintained in good working order by the well owner. Annual diversion records shall be collected and permanently maintained by the well owner and submitted to the Commission and the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District upon request.
- f. The well shall be marked in a conspicuous place with this determination number, the well permit number, and the name of the Aquifer. The well owner shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- 24. A copy of this Findings and Order shall be recorded by the Applicant in the public records of the county in which the Overlying Land is located so that a title examination of the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land area, or any part thereof, shall reveal the existence of this determination.
- 25. The ground water right determined herein is a vested property right with specific ownership. The ground water right may be transferred independent of the land under which the right originated. Any action taken that is intended to convey, transfer, and/or sell the subject water right shall explicitly identify this Determination of Water Right number, the specific aquifer, and the annual volume (based on a 100-year aquifer life) or total volume of ground water that is being conveyed.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

Kevin G. Rein, P.E Executive Director

Colorado Ground Water Commission

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Keith Vander Horst, P.E. Chief of Water Supply, Basins

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# COLORADO GROUND WATER COMMISSION FINDINGS AND ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR DETERMINATION OF WATER RIGHT TO GROUND WATER IN THE UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK DESIGNATED GROUND WATER BASIN

DETERMINATION NO.: 3712-BD

AQUIFER:

Denver

APPLICANT:

Pete Lien & Sons, Inc.

In compliance with Section 37-90-107(7), C.R.S., and the Designated Basin Rules, 2 CCR 410-1, Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. (hereinafter "Applicant") submitted an application for determination of water right to designated ground water from the Denver Aguifer.

#### **FINDINGS**

- The application was received by the Colorado Ground Water Commission on December 13, 2018.
- 2. The Applicant requests a determination of right to designated ground water in the Denver Aquifer (hereinafter "Aquifer") underlying 92.47 acres, generally described as a portion of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 and a portion of the west 528 feet of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 34, Township 12 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., in El Paso County. According to a signed Ownership Statement dated December 27, 2018, attached hereto as Exhibit A, the Applicant owns the 92.47 acres of land, which are further described in said Ownership Statement (hereinafter "Overlying Land"), and claims control of the right to the ground water in the Aquifer underlying this land (hereinafter "Underlying Ground Water").
- 3. The Overlying Land is located within the boundaries of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Designated Ground Water Basin and within the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District. The Colorado Ground Water Commission (hereinafter "Commission") has jurisdiction over the ground water that is the subject of this Determination.
- 4. The Commission Staff has evaluated the application relying on the claims to control of the Underlying Ground Water in the Aguifer made by the Applicant.
- 5. The Applicant intends to apply the Underlying Ground Water to the following beneficial uses: industrial, commercial and irrigation. The Applicant's proposed place of use of the Underlying Ground Water is the above described 92.47 acres of overlying land.
- 6. The application requests the maximum allowable annual amount of Underlying Ground Water from beneath the Overlying Land.
- 7. The quantity of water in the Aquifer underlying the 92.47 acres of Overlying Land claimed by the applicant is 3,140 acre-feet. This determination was based on the following as specified in the Designated Basin Rules:
  - a. The average specific yield of the saturated permeable material of the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land that could yield a sufficient quantity of water that may be extracted and applied to beneficial use is 17 percent.

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b. The average thickness of the saturated permeable material of the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land that could yield a sufficient quantity of water that may be extracted and applied to beneficial use is 200 feet.

- 8. Pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7)(a), C.R.S., and in accordance with the Designated Basin Rules, the Commission shall allocate the underlying ground water based on ownership of the overlying land and an aquifer life of one hundred years. Should the entire quantity of underlying ground water identified above be available for allocation, the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal from the Aquifer that could be allocated from beneath the Overlying Land would be 31.4 acre-feet per year.
- 9. A review of the records in the Office of the State Engineer has disclosed that none of the Underlying Ground Water in the Aquifer beneath the Overlying Land has been previously allocated or permitted for withdrawal.
- 10. Pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7)(c)(III), C.R.S., an approved determination of water right shall be considered a final determination of the amount of ground water so determined; except that the Commission shall retain jurisdiction for subsequent adjustment of such amount to conform to the actual local aquifer characteristics from adequate information obtained from well drilling or test holes.
- 11. The ability of wells permitted to withdraw the authorized amount of water from this non-renewable Aquifer may be less than the one hundred years upon which the amount of water in the Aquifer is allocated, due to anticipated water level declines.
- 12. In accordance with Rule 5.3.6 of the Designated Basin Rules, it has been determined that withdrawal of ground water from the Aquifer underlying the land claimed by the Applicant will, within one hundred years, deplete the flow of a natural stream or its alluvial aquifer at an annual rate greater than one-tenth of one percent of the annual rate of withdrawal and, therefore, the Underlying Ground Water is considered to be not-nontributary ground water. Also, the location of the land claimed by the Applicant is farther than one mile from the Aquifer contact with the alluvium. Pursuant to the Rules, at least four percent (4%) of the amount of the underlying water withdrawn annually must be returned to the uppermost aquifer in the vicinity of the permitted point or points of withdrawal, unless other locations are approved by the Commission.
- 13. On April 30, 2019, in accordance with Rule 9.1 of the Designated Basin Rules, a letter was sent to the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District requesting written recommendations concerning this application. No written recommendations from the district were received.
- 14. In accordance with Sections 37-90-107(7)(c)(II) and 37-90-112, C.R.S., the application was published in the Ranchland News newspaper on May 2, 2019 and May 9, 2019. No objections to the application were received within the time limit set by statute.

### **ORDER**

In accordance with Section 37-90-107(7), C.R.S., and the Designated Basin Rules, the Colorado Ground Water Commission orders that the application for determination of right to designated ground water in the Denver Aquifer underlying 92.47 acres of land, generally described as a portion of the S1/2 of the SW1/4 and a portion of the west 528 feet of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4, Section 34, Township

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Aguifer: Denver

Applicant: Pete Lien & Sons, Inc.

12 South, Range 64 West, 6th P.M., further described in Exhibit A, is approved subject to the following conditions:

- 15. The allowed average annual amount of withdrawal of Underlying Ground Water from the Aquifer shall not exceed 31.4 acre-feet.
- 16. The total volume of Underlying Ground Water that may be withdrawn from the Aquifer pursuant to this Determination of Water Right shall not exceed 3,140 acre-feet.
- 17. The Commission may adjust the total volume and the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal of Underlying Ground Water that may be withdrawn from the Aquifer to conform to actual Aquifer characteristics based on analysis of geophysical logs or other site-specific data if such analysis indicates that the initial estimate of the amount of Underlying Ground Water in the Aquifer was incorrect.
- 18. The allowed maximum annual amount of withdrawal may exceed the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal as long as the total volume of Underlying Ground Water withdrawn does not exceed the product of the number of years since the date of approval of this determination times the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal.
- 19. The Applicant may pump the allowed average annual amount of withdrawal and the allowed maximum annual amount of withdrawal from one or more wells of a well field in any combination, so long as the total combined withdrawal of the wells does not exceed the amounts described in this Order.
- 20. At least four percent (4%) of the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water withdrawn annually must be returned to the uppermost aquifer in the vicinity of the permitted point or points of withdrawal, unless other locations are approved by the Commission.
- 21. The use of the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water from this allocation shall be limited to the following beneficial uses: industrial, commercial and irrigation. The place of use shall be limited to the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land. The ground water that is the subject of this Determination may be reused and successively used to extinction to the extent dominion and control over the water is maintained and its volume can be distinguished from the volume of any stream system into which it is introduced to the satisfaction of the Commission. The ground water right determined herein is located within the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District where local District rules apply which may further limit the withdrawal and use of the subject designated ground water.
- 22. Approval of this determination meets the requirements of Section 37-90-107(7)(d)(II) that requires a determination of ground water be made prior to the granting of a well permit pursuant to Section 37-90-107(7).
- 23. Wells withdrawing the allowed amount of Underlying Ground Water allocated herein are subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The wells must be located on the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land.
  - No well shall be located within 600 feet of any existing large-capacity well in the same Aquifer unless a Waiver of Claim of Injury is obtained from the owner of the existing well

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or unless the Commission, after a hearing, finds that circumstances in a particular instance warrant that a well may be permitted without regard to this limitation.

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- c. The wells must be constructed to withdraw water from only the Denver Aquifer.
- d. The entire depth of each well must be geophysically logged <u>prior</u> to installing the casing as set forth in Rule 9 of the Statewide Nontributary Ground Water Rules, 2 CCR 402-7.
- e. A totalizing flow meter or other Commission approved measuring device shall be installed on each well and maintained in good working order by the well owner. Annual diversion records shall be collected and permanently maintained by the well owner and submitted to the Commission and the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District upon request.
- f. The well shall be marked in a conspicuous place with this determination number, the well permit number, and the name of the Aquifer. The well owner shall take necessary means and precautions to preserve these markings.
- 24. A copy of this Findings and Order shall be recorded by the Applicant in the public records of the county in which the Overlying Land is located so that a title examination of the above described 92.47 acres of Overlying Land area, or any part thereof, shall reveal the existence of this determination.
- 25. The ground water right determined herein is a vested property right with specific ownership. The ground water right may be transferred independent of the land under which the right originated. Any action taken that is intended to convey, transfer, and/or sell the subject water right shall explicitly identify this Determination of Water Right number, the specific aquifer, and the annual volume (based on a 100-year aquifer life) or total volume of ground water that is being conveyed.

Dated this 19th day of June, 2019.

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