

DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Southwest Region Office

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October 8, 2025

MAJ Development Corporation Attn: Michael Jenkins 300 W 15th Street, Ste. 200 Vancouver, WA 98660

Re: Administrative Order No. 24141 to impact wetlands, which are waters of the state, to

construct Royle Ridge in Clark County, Washington

Dear Michael Jenkins:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received your Joint Aquatic Resources Permit Application (JARPA) on July 2, 2025, requesting authorization for proposed work in non-federally regulated wetlands, which are waters of the state. Ecology has determined that the proposed work, as conditioned by the enclosed Order, will comply with applicable provisions of Chapter 90.48 RCW and other applicable requirements of state law.

This approval is subject to the conditions contained in the enclosed Order. You must familiarize yourself with and abide by the conditions in the Order, including all notification requirements. If you have any questions, please contact Casey Vaughn at Casey.Vaughn@ecy.wa.gov or (360) 210-2783. The enclosed Order may be appealed by following the procedures described in the Order.

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Sincerely,

Maria Sandercock, Section Manager

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Enclosure (1)

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In The Matter of Issuing an Administrative Order to MAJ Development Corporation pursuant to RCW 90.48.120 and WAC 173-201A

MAJ Development Corporation

Attn: Michael Jenkins

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Order No.	24141
Corps Reference No.	NWS-2024-839
Site Location	Royle Ridge, located within wetlands associated with a tributary to Allen Creek, Ridgefield, Clark County, Washington.

This is an Administrative Order requiring MAJ Development Corporation to comply with Chapter 90.48 RCW and the rules and regulations of the Department of Ecology (Ecology) by taking certain actions which are described below. RCW 90.48.120(2) authorizes Ecology to issue Administrative Orders requiring compliance whenever it determines that a person has violated or creates a substantial potential to violate any provision of Chapter 90.48 RCW.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) issued a jurisdictional determination on December 16, 2024, concluding that Wetland A is not waters of the U.S. On July 2, 2025, Ecology received a request to impact 0.07 acres of non-federally regulated wetlands, which are waters of the state, to construct Royle Ridge project in Clark County. The project is located at 4548 N 1st Way, Ridgefield, WA, SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 4N, RANGE 1E, Clark County, WRIA 27 - Lewis.

This Administrative Order authorizes 0.07 acres of direct impacts to a Category IV wetland (Wetland A) and 0.32 acres of indirect impacts to a Category III wetland (Wetland B) at the project location. Mitigation for this proposal will consist of purchasing 0.23 mitigation bank credits from the East Fork Lewis Mitigation Bank and all other actions as proposed in the Final Wetland Mitigation Plan dated July 17, 2025.

For purposes of this Order, the term "Project Proponent" shall mean MAJ Development Corporation and its agents, assigns, and contractors.

In view of the foregoing and in accordance with RCW 90.48.120(2):

IT IS ORDERED that the Project Proponent shall comply with the following:

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A. General Conditions:

- 1. The Project Proponent shall construct and operate the project in a manner consistent with the request (JARPA and attachments) received by Ecology on July 2, 2025, or as otherwise approved by Ecology.
- For purposes of this Order, all submittals required by its conditions shall be sent to <u>fednotification@ecy.wa.gov</u> and cc to <u>Casey.Vaughn@ecy.wa.gov</u>. Any submittals shall reference Order No. 24141.
- 3. The Project Proponent shall provide access to the project site upon request by Ecology for site inspections, monitoring, and/or necessary data collection, to ensure that conditions of this Order are being met.
- 4. Copies of this Order shall be kept on the job site and readily available for reference by Ecology personnel, the construction superintendent, construction managers and forepersons, and state and local government inspectors.
- 5. Nothing in this Order waives Ecology's authority to issue additional orders if Ecology determines further actions are necessary to implement the water quality laws of the state. Further, Ecology retains continuing jurisdiction to make modifications hereto through supplemental order, if additional impacts due to project construction or operation are identified (e.g., violations of water quality standards, downstream erosion, etc.), or if additional conditions are necessary to further protect the public interest.
- 6. The Project Proponent shall ensure that all appropriate project engineers and contractors at the project site have read and understand relevant conditions of this Order and all permits, approvals, and documents referenced in this Order.
- 7. To transfer this Order to a new owner or operator the Project Proponent shall:
 - a. Complete a Request for Transfer of Order with a specific transfer date of the Order's obligations, coverage, and liability and submit it to Ecology per condition A.2. Link to form:
 - https://apps.ecology.wa.gov/publications/SummaryPages/ECY070695.html;
 - b. Provide a copy of this Order to the new owner or operator; and

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- c. The transfer is not considered valid until the Project Proponent receives written notification from Ecology that the transfer has been approved.
- 8. The Project Proponent is responsible for obtaining all other permits, licenses, and certifications that may be required by federal, state, local or tribal authorities.

B. Notification Requirements:

- 1. The Project Proponent shall provide written notification to Ecology in accordance with condition A.2. for the following activities:
 - a. Immediately following a violation of the state water quality standards or when the project is out of compliance with any condition of this Order.
- 2. If U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines the proposed project requires a Federal permit, the Project Proponent shall inform Ecology immediately in order to receive the appropriate authorization.

C. Wetland Mitigation Conditions:

- 1. The Project Proponent shall mitigate wetland impacts as described in the Final Wetland Mitigation Plan (Mitigation Plan) by NRES, LLC, and dated July 17, 2025, or as required by this Order or revised and approved by Ecology.
- 2. The Project Proponent shall submit to Ecology (per Condition A.2) documentation from the bank sponsor verifying the purchase of credits as specified in the Mitigation Plan. This documentation must include the Ecology Order number, Order issuance date, impact acreage, the amount of credits required by the Order, and date of credit purchase.
- 3. Unless otherwise authorized by this Order, the Project Proponent shall complete the purchase of credits before impacting wetlands. Otherwise, Ecology may require the Project Proponent to provide additional compensation to account for additional temporal loss of wetland functions.

D. Timing

1. This Order expires 5 years from the date of this Order.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this Order.

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Your right to appeal

You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearings Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt. The appeal process is governed by Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal, you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order:

- File your notice of appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see filing information below). "Filing" means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours as defined in WAC 371-08-305 and -335. "Notice of appeal" is defined in WAC 371-08-340.
- Serve a copy of your notice of appeal and this Order on the Department of Ecology, in paper form, by mail, or in person (see addresses below). E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in Chapter 43.21B RCW and Chapter 371-08 WAC.

Filing an appeal with the PCHB:

For the most current information regarding filing with the PCHB, visit: https://eluho.wa.gov or call: 360-664-9160.

Address and Location Information

Street Address:

Department of Ecology

Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503

Mailing Address:

Department of Ecology

Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608

E-Mail Address:

ecologyappeals@ecy.wa.gov

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Contact information

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

Casey Vaughn
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(360) 210-2783
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More information

 Pollution Control Hearings Board Website https:// eluho.wa.gov/

 Chapter 43.21B RCW - Environmental and Land Use Hearings Office – Pollution Control Hearings Board

http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=43.21B

- Chapter 371-08 WAC Practice and Procedure http://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=371-08
- Chapter 34.05 RCW Administrative Procedure Act http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=34.05
- Chapter 90.48 RCW Water Pollution Control http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=90.48
- Chapter 173-201A WAC Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the State of Washington

http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=173-201A

Signature

Dated this 8th day of October 2025 at the Department of Ecology, Lacey, Washington.

Mana Sauler

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