

**BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OF THE
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of the Proposed Water)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING WATER
Management and Conservation Plan for)	MANAGEMENT AND
Warm Springs Irrigation District, Malheur)	CONSERVATION PLAN
County, Oregon)	

Authority

OAR Chapter 690, Division 086, establishes the process and criteria for approving water management and conservation plans required under the conditions of permits, permit extensions and other orders of the Department.

Findings of Fact

1. The Warm Springs Irrigation District submitted a Water Management and Conservation Plan to the Department on April 16, 2002.
2. Public notice was published February 25, 2003, as required under OAR Chapter 690, Division 086. Comments were received from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation.
3. The Department reviewed the draft plan and the comments received. Based on the plan and comments, the Department outlined a proposed work plan that, if completed, would allow the Warm Springs Irrigation District to satisfy the requirements of OAR 690-086-240. The Department notified the Warm Springs Irrigation District of the areas needing additional work in the Department's letter of June 2, 2003.
4. The Warm Springs Irrigation District agreed by e-mail dated September 4, 2003, to complete the activities described in the work plan within five years. Pursuant to OAR 690-086-910(3), the Department reviewed the revised plan for consistency with OAR Chapter 690, Division 086 as adopted by the Water Resources Commission in 1994.
5. The final plan is generally consistent with the relevant requirements and includes a work plan as described in the Department's letter of June 2, 2003, for completion of additional work necessary to satisfy the requirements within five years.

This is a final order in other than contested case. This order is subject to judicial review under ORS 183.484. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60 day time period specified by ORS 183.484(2). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-004-080 and OAR 690-01-005 you may either petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order.

Conclusion of Law

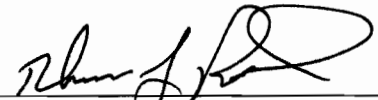
The water management and conservation plan, with the inclusion of the work plan, submitted by Warmsprings Irrigation District is consistent with the criteria in OAR Chapter 690, Division 086.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

The Warmsprings Irrigation District Water Management and Conservation Plan is approved and shall remain in effect until November 8, 2009, unless this approval is rescinded pursuant to OAR 690-086-0920.

The Warmsprings Irrigation District shall submit an updated plan meeting the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 86 (effective November 1, 2002) within 5 years, and no later than November 8, 2009, that incorporates the results of the activities included in its work plan.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 9th day of November, 2004.


Phillip C. Ward, Acting Director

Mailing date: NOV 12 2004

Warm Springs Irrigation District
Water Management and Conservation Work Plan
October 1, 2004

Revise and update the District's Water Management and Conservation Plan for submittal to the Water Resources Department by November 8, 2009. The updated plan will be consistent with the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 86, and will include:

1. An updated list of water rights, and associated terms and conditions, for which Warm Springs Irrigation District delivers water (See exhibit 1).
2. A review and upgrade of the district's water measurement program to ensure that all district diversions are monitored, annual water use reports are accurate and complete, and data needed for district management are available.
3. Identification of canal reaches with high seepage losses, estimates of the benefits and costs of reducing losses, and a schedule for implementation of those loss reduction measures that are determined to be feasible and appropriate.
4. Development and implementation of a program to provide information on water conservation to district patrons.
5. A review and reassessment of the benefits and costs of the conservation measures listed under OAR 690-086-0250(6).