

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

In the Matter of the Proposed Water)	FINAL ORDER APPROVING A
Management and Conservation Plan for)	WATER MANAGEMENT AND
Middle Fork Irrigation District, Hood River)	CONSERVATION PLAN
County)	

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 Middle Fork Irrigation District (District) submitted a Water Management and Conservation Plan (plan) to the Department on June 24, 2011. The plan was required as an update to the District's previously approved plan and included supplemental materials required under a work plan included as part of the Final Order issued on June 28, 2006, approving the District's previous plan.
2. The Department published notice of receipt of the plan on June 28, 2011, as required under OAR Chapter 690, Division 086. No comments were received.
3. The Department provided comments on the plan to the District on September 14, 2011, and in response, the District submitted plan revisions on December 16, 2011 and March 15, 2012.
4. The Department reviewed the revised plan and finds that the plan is generally consistent with the relevant requirements under OAR Chapter 690, Division 086 (2002).

Conclusion of Law

The Water Management and Conservation Plan, along with the work plan materials, submitted by the Middle Fork Irrigation District is consistent with the criteria in OAR Chapter 690, Division 086 (2002).

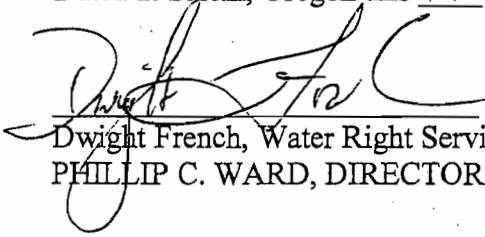
Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The Middle Fork Irrigation District Water Management and Conservation Plan is approved and shall remain in effect until March 19, 2022, unless this approval is rescinded pursuant to OAR 690-086-0920.

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 137-004-0080 you may either petition for judicial review or petition the Director for reconsideration of this order. A petition for reconsideration may be granted or denied by the Director, and if no action is taken within 60 days following the date the petition was filed, the petition shall be deemed denied.

2. The Middle Fork Irrigation District shall submit an updated plan meeting the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 86 (effective November 1, 2002) within 10 years and no later than September 19, 2021.
3. If, at any time in the future, the Middle Fork Irrigation District chooses to participate in the district permanent transfer of water right for non-use program set forth in ORS 540.572, 540.574 and 540.576 and OAR 690-385-5000 to 690-385-5900, then pursuant to OAR 690-086-0220(3), the Middle Fork Irrigation District shall submit an annual report describing progress-to-date in implementing this water management and conservation plan. This annual report shall be submitted to the Water Resources Department in Salem by January 31 of each year¹.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 19 day of March, 2012.



Dwight French, Water Right Services Administrator for
PHILLIP C. WARD, DIRECTOR

Mailing date: _____

¹ As set forth under OAR 690-086-0220(3), any agricultural water supplier participating in the water transfer provisions in ORS 540.572 to 540.578 and OAR 690-021-0070 to 690-021-0700 shall submit an annual report describing progress-to-date in implementing a water management and conservation plan.