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
Westland Irrigation District, Umatilla)	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 Westland Irrigation District submitted a Water Management and Conservation Plan to the Department on September 6, 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 Westland Irrigation District to satisfy the requirements of OAR 690-086-240. The Department notified the Westland Irrigation District of the areas needing additional work in the Department's letter of May 7, 2003, and e-mail October 6, 2004.
- 4. The Westland Irrigation District agreed by e-mail dated October 7, 2004, 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 e-mail of October 6, 2004, 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.

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Conclusion of Law

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

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

The Westland Irrigation District Water Management and Conservation Plan is approved and shall remain in effect until December 1, 2009, unless this approval is rescinded pursuant to OAR 690-086-0920.

The Westland 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 December 1, 2009, that incorporates the results of the activities included in its work plan.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 15th day of December 2004.

Phillip C. Ward, Director

Westland Irrigation District Water Management and Conservation Work Plan October 7, 2004

Revise and update the District's Water Management and Conservation Plan to be submitted to the Water Resources Department by December 1, 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, for which Westland Irrigation District delivers water, including a discussion of Teel lands merged into district.
- 2. A program to identify canal reaches and re-regulating reservoirs with high seepage losses, to estimate benefits and costs of reducing losses, and to schedule measures that are determined to be feasible and appropriate.
- 3. A program to provide information on water conservation to district patrons.
- 4. A review and reassessment of the benefits and costs of the conservation measures listed under OAR 690-086-0250(6).
- 5. A comparison of potential sources of water to meet long-range needs of the district, including the Columbia River, groundwater, conservation and reuse.