

**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
Grants Pass Irrigation District, Josephine	)	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 Grants Pass Irrigation District submitted a Water Management and Conservation Plan to the Department on November 10, 2002.
2. Public notice was published February 25, 2003, as required under OAR Chapter 690, Division 086. The U.S.B.R. submitted comments, and a revision was submitted on March 19, 2003.
3. The Department reviewed the revised plan. Based on the plan and comments, the Department outlined a proposed work plan that, if completed, would allow the Grants Pass Irrigation District to satisfy the requirements of OAR 690-086-240. The Department notified the Grants Pass Irrigation District of the areas needing additional work in a meeting with District staff on December 8, 2004. The Department and District agreed that the elements of the Consent Decree of U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon Civil No. 98-3034-HO (Aug 2001) were a central component of the work plan.
4. The Grants Pass Irrigation District agreed 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 herein, 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 137-004-0080 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. (Updated on 12/8/04)

**Conclusion of Law**

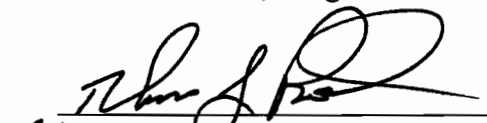
The water management and conservation plan, with the inclusion of the work plan, submitted by Grants Pass Irrigation District is consistent with the criteria in OAR Chapter 690, Division 086.

**Now, therefore, it is ORDERED**

**The District will use the following work schedule to address the ongoing requirements of conservation measures in Chapters 7 and 11 of the Grants Pass Irrigation District Water Management Study, March, 1994, (water right certificates 79556 and 79557) and to prepare an updated water management and conservation plan.**

1. Manage water diversions to achieve a seasonal average rate of diversion of 130 cfs by November, 2005.
2. Secure funding to construct new pump stations at new point of diversion. Target Completion Date: November 2005
3. Request additional time from District Court to complete construction of new pump stations. Target Completion date: April 1, 2006
4. Complete construction of new pump stations. Target Completion date: April 1, 2007
5. Evaluate the effectiveness of existing ongoing conservation efforts, and revise and update the District's Water Management and Conservation Plan. Completion Date: March 31, 2010.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 31st day of March 2005.

  
Phillip C. Ward, Director

Mailing date: APR 06 2005