

**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
City of Corvallis, Benton County, Oregon	)	CONSERVATION PLAN
	)	

**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. An approved water management plan may authorize the diversion and use of water under a permit extended pursuant to OAR Chapter 690, Division 315.

**Background**

On July 10, 2006, the City of Corvallis submitted a draft Water Management and Conservation Plan for review under OAR Chapter 690, Division 086 (November 2002).

The Department published notice of receipt of the plan on July 25, 2006. No public comments were received.

The Department provided comments on the plan to the City on December 15, 2006 and, in response, the City submitted a revised plan on May 21, 2007.

**Findings of Fact**

1. The City of Corvallis Water Management and Conservation Plan contains all of the plan elements required under OAR 690-086-0125.
2. The projections of future water needs in the plan demonstrate a need for over 49.2 cfs of water available under permit S 35551 to meet demands for the population anticipated in 20 years. These projections are reasonable and consistent with the City's land use plan.
3. The plan includes 5-year benchmarks for implementation of annual water audits, meter testing, leak detection, inverted block structure billing. The system is fully metered and the rate structure includes a base rate and volumetric charge. System leakage is estimated at 8.4 percent.

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.

4. The plan includes 5-year benchmarks for evaluation, development, and implementation of programs such as development of water conservation demonstration garden, replace existing city owned fixtures with water conserving fixtures, rebate program for water efficient models (toilets re-evaluation & laundry machines re-evaluation) and continue implementation of 19 other existing programs.
5. The plan identifies Mary's River and the Willamette River as the source of the City's water rights and accurately and completely describes Spring Chinook Salmon, Pacific Lamprey and Oregon Chub as listed species the city is actively working to monitor and or improve habitat.
6. The water curtailment element included in the plan satisfactorily promotes water curtailment practices and includes a list of four stages of alert with concurrent curtailment actions.

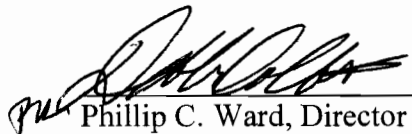
#### **Conclusion of Law**

The water management and conservation plan submitted by the City of Corvallis is consistent with the criteria in OAR Chapter 690, Division 086.

#### **Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:**

1. The City of Corvallis Water Management and Conservation Plan is approved and shall remain in effect until August 3, 2012 unless this approval is rescinded pursuant to OAR 690-086-0920.
2. The City of Corvallis shall submit an updated plan within five years and no later than August 3, 2012.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 27 day of September, 2007.

  
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Phillip C. Ward, Director

Mailing date: OCT 02 2007