

**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
City of Dundee, Yamhill County)	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.

Findings of Fact

1. The City of Dundee (City) submitted a Water Management and Conservation Plan (plan) to the Water Resources Department (Department) on November 15, 2011. The plan was required by conditions set forth in the final orders approving extensions of time for Permits G-6017, G-12685, G-12736, G-13035 and S-44462.
2. The Department published notice of receipt of the plan on November 22, 2011, as required under OAR Chapter 690, Division 086. No comments were received.
3. The Department provided written comments on the plan to the City on February 9, 2012, and in response, the City submitted a final revised plan on Nov. 14, 2012.
4. The Department reviewed the final revised plan and finds that it contains all of the elements required under OAR 690-086-0125.
5. The projections of future water needs in the plan demonstrate a need of up to 1.55 cfs of surface water available under Permit S-44462 and/or up to 0.8 cfs of ground water under Permits G-12736 and G-13035 to help meet overall demands of 2.66 cfs (1.72 million gallons per day) anticipated in 20 years. These projections are reasonable and consistent with the City's land use plan. The development of the sources authorized under these permits is dependent upon budgetary issues, as well as the physical attributes of the surface water and ground water sources themselves.

This is a final order in other than a 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 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.

6. The City's system is fully metered and has a rate structure that includes a base rate and volumetric charge. Unaccounted-for water is estimated at 18.6% percent.
7. The plan includes 5-year benchmarks for implementation and/or continuation of the following water conservation activities: full metering of the water system; replacement of small customer meters, as needed; performing annual water audits; maintaining a rate structure based on the amount of water used; budgeting funds annually toward replacement of aging water mains; and including water conservation information in the City's summer newsletter distributed to customers in July of each year and posted on the City's web site.
8. The plan includes 5-year benchmarks to develop: a maintenance and calibration methodology for production meters and large-size meters; a leak detection and repair methodology to work toward reducing annual water loss to 10 percent; and a systematic and documented methodology for tracking and/or estimating authorized and unauthorized unmetered water use. The plan also includes 5-year benchmarks to evaluate the feasibility of developing: a non-potable water supply as part of the new wastewater treatment facility; a financial and technical assistance program to encourage implementation of conservation measures; a supplier-financed fixture retrofitting and replacement program; and any other identified measures that would improve water use efficiency.
9. The plan identifies ground water, the Willamette River, Mossy Springs, Unnamed Springs and an Unnamed Stream formed by springs as the sources of the City's water rights. Additionally, the plan accurately and completely describes the listed fish species that occur in the Willamette River in the vicinity of the City's point of diversion, being Upper Willamette River Chinook (*federally-listed as Threatened*) and Upper Willamette River Steelhead (*state-listed as Sensitive-Vulnerable and federally-listed as Threatened*). The plan also accurately and completely identifies the water quality parameters for which the Willamette River has been 303(d) listed by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.
10. The water curtailment element included in the plan satisfactorily promotes water curtailment practices and includes a list of three stages of alert with concurrent curtailment actions.
11. The diversion of water under Permits S-44462, G-12736 and/or G-13035 will be initiated and/or expanded during the next 20 years and is consistent with OAR 690-086-0130(7), as follows:
 - a. As evidenced by the 5-year benchmarks described in Findings of Fact #7 and #8, the plan includes a schedule for development of conservation measures that would provide water at a cost that is equal to or lower than the cost of other identified sources;
 - b. Considering that the water savings generated by the conservation measures established in this WMCP cannot fully meet the City's projected 20-year peak demand, and that the wholesale purchase of water from the nearby Cities of Dayton and/or Lafayette is not practical due to the cost of building infrastructure necessary to transport water and because excess water supply is not available from those cities, the increased diversion of water under Permits S-44462, G-12736 and/or G-13035 is the most feasible and appropriate water supply alternative available to the City; **and**

- c. As the City pursues future development of a surface water supply from the Willamette River, they will be required to address any mitigation issues that may arise as a result of the Federal Endangered Species Act, Clean Water Act and/or Safe Drinking Water Act. Additionally, the City is required to comply with conditions set forth in the Final Orders issued by the Department on October 6, 2009 approving Extensions of Time for Permits S-44462 and G-6017 to protect minimum fish flow needs in the Willamette River in order to maintain the persistence of listed fish species in the portions of the river affected by the City's water use under these permits.

Conclusion of Law

The Water Management and Conservation Plan submitted by the City of Dundee is consistent with the criteria in OAR Chapter 690, Division 086.

Now, therefore, it is ORDERED:

1. The City of Dundee Water Management and Conservation Plan is approved and shall remain in effect until November 21, 2022, unless this approval is rescinded pursuant to OAR 690 086-0920.
2. The limitation of the diversion of water under Permit S-44462 established by the Extension of Time approved on October 6, 2009 is removed and, subject to other limitations or conditions of the permit, the City of Dundee is authorized to divert up to 1.55 cfs under Permit S-44462.
3. The limitations of the diversion of water under Permits G-12736 and G-13035 established by the Extensions of Time approved on September 29, 2006 are removed and, subject to other limitations or conditions of the permits, the City of Dundee is authorized to divert a combined total of up to 0.8 cfs under Permits G-12736 and G-13035. This condition does not allow the use of water in excess of the quantity limitation specified in each permit, being no more than 0.5 cfs under Permit G-12736 and no more than 0.5 cfs under Permit G-13035.
4. The City of Dundee shall submit an updated plan meeting the requirements of OAR Chapter 690, Division 086 (effective November 1, 2002) within 10 years and no later than November 21, 2021.
5. The updated plan (*referenced in Condition #4 above*) shall provide a description of the City's development of Permits S-44462, G-12736 and/or G-13035. The description should identify: 1) actions taken to construct infrastructure necessary to develop the authorized source(s) of water under the permits; 2) compliance with any mitigation actions required as a result of development of the permits; and 3) the extent to which water has been diverted under each of the permits (*i.e., identify the maximum rate of diversion of water under each of the Permits S-44462, G-12736 and/or G-13035*).
6. The City of Dundee shall submit a progress report by November 21, 2017, containing the information required under OAR 690-086-0120(4) and information documenting the City's diligence in pursuing the development of water under Permits S-44462, G-12736 and/or G-13035 (*see Condition #5 above*).

7. The deadline established herein for the submittal of an updated Water Management and Conservation Plan (consistent with OAR Chapter 690, Division 086) shall not relieve the City of Dundee from any existing or future requirement(s) for submittal of a Water Management and Conservation Plan at an earlier date as established through other final orders of the Department.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 21 day of November, 2012.



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

Mailing date: NOV 27 2012