

BEFORE THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR OF OREGON
WASHINGTON COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF A WATER MANAGEMENT)
AND CONSERVATION PLAN SUBMITTED BY) CONDITIONAL APPROVAL
THE CITY OF SHERWOOD)

The Water Resources Commission adopted a statewide policy on Conservation and Efficient Water Use (OAR 690-410-0060). The policy requires major water users and suppliers to prepare water management plans. These rules provide a process to evaluate the effectiveness of conservation planning in achieving more efficient water use and preventing waste consistent with water supplier and Department capabilities.

FINDINGS

- 1) The City of Sherwood submitted a water management plan on March 10, 2000. On June 27, 2000 notice of this plan was placed by the Department in the Department's weekly public notice. The Department received no comments within the 30 day comment period.
- 2) After the City of Sherwood filed the water management plan, the City entered into an agreement with Tualatin Valley Water District to manage its system for a five year period.
- 3) The basalt ground water resource is part of the Sherwood Damish Wilsonville Ground Water Limited Area.
- 4) After the City of Sherwood filed the water management plan, the City and Tualatin Valley Water District jointly began conducting an investigation to include an Aquifer Storage and Recovery project in the City's sources.
- 5) One of the sources of water for the City of Sherwood connected to the City of Portland's Bull Run River supply. Several species of fish are listed under the Endangered Species Act in the Sandy/Bull Run River.
- 4) The Department finds that the plan submitted by the City substantially meets the requirements of OAR 690 Div 86 with the exception of the long term water supply aspect of the plan. The City has substantial efforts underway to secure more options for long term water supply. These long term planning elements added to the City's efforts need to be included in the plan.

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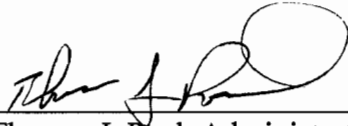
Based upon the findings, the plan is conditionally approved under the provisions of OAR 690-086-0910 based on the following conditions:

- 1) Submission of a letter; within 30 days of issuance of any new water right permit issued to the City describing the City's schedule for developing and adding the new source to the delivery system.
- 2) The City shall consult with the Department to establish if interim adjustments to the plan will be required if flow targets on the Sandy River are identified by the National Marine Fishery Service for Endangered Species Recovery.
- 3) Prior to requesting any permit extensions, before July 1, 2001, the City shall consult with the Department to establish if interim adjustments to the plan will be required.
- 4) At the next full update of the plan, the total system losses shall be incorporated as one figure.

This plan is to be updated by March 20, 2005. Updates submitted to comply with conditions one, two and three of this order will not change this date. A Water System Master Plan if required by the Health Division may be consolidated with this plans under OAR 690-086-0120 (4) after consultation with the Department.

If the conditions of this approval are not acceptable, you may appeal this decision as outlined in our administrative rules (OAR 690-086-0910).

Dated: December 6, 2000



Thomas J. Paul, Administrator
Field Services Division

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