

**Oregon Water Resources Department**  
**Water Right Services Division**

**Application for Extension of Time**

In the Matter of the Application for an Extension of Time )  
for Permit S-55263, Water Right Application S-88286 ) FINAL ORDER  
in the name of East Improvement District )

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**Permit Information**

Application:	S-88286
Permit:	S-55263
Basin:	Umatilla / Watermaster District 5
Date of Priority:	September 12, 2016
Source of Water:	Columbia River, a tributary of Pacific Ocean
Purpose or Use:	Irrigation of 107,185.85 acres
Maximum Rate/Volume:	6.05 cubic feet per second (cfs)

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**This Extension of Time request is being processed in accordance with Oregon Revised Statute 537.230 and 539.010(5), and Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 690, Division 315.**

**Appeal Rights**

This final order is subject to judicial review by the Court of Appeals under ORS 183.482. Any petition for judicial review must be filed within the 60-day time period specified by ORS 183.482(1). Pursuant to ORS 536.075 and OAR 137-003-0675, 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.

**Application History**

Permit S-55263 was issued by the Department on March 17, 2020. The permit specified complete application of water to beneficial use by March 12, 2025. On September 8, 2025, East Improvement District submitted an Application for Extension of Time for Permit S-55263. In accordance with OAR 690-315-0050(2), on March 24, 2026, the Department issued a Proposed Final Order proposing to extend the time to apply water to full beneficial use from March 17, 2025, to March 17, 2050. The protest period closed May 8, 2026, in accordance with OAR 690-315-0060(1). No protest was filed.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department adopts and incorporates by reference the findings in the Proposed Final Order dated March 24, 2026.

At time of issuance of the Proposed Final Order the Department concluded that, based on the factors demonstrated by the applicant, the permit may be extended subject to the following condition:

## LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

### 1. Checkpoint Condition

The permit holder must submit a completed Progress Report Form to the Department by **October 1, 2030, 2035, 2040, 2045, and 2050**. *A form will be enclosed with your Final Order.*

(a) At each checkpoint, the permit holder shall submit and the Department shall review evidence of the permit holder's diligence towards completion of the project and compliance with terms and conditions of the permit and extension. If, after this review, the Department determines the permit holder has not been diligent in developing and perfecting the water use permit, or complied with all terms and conditions, the Department shall modify or further condition the permit or extension to ensure future compliance, or begin cancellation proceedings on the undeveloped portion of the permit pursuant to ORS 537.260 or 537.410, or require submission of a final proof survey pursuant to ORS 537.250;

(b) The Department shall provide notice of receipt of progress reports in its weekly notice and shall allow a 30 day comment period for each report. The Department shall provide notice of its determination to anyone who submitted comments.

## CONCLUSION OF LAW

The applicant has demonstrated good cause for the permit extension pursuant to ORS 537.230, 539.010(5) and OAR 690-315-0040(2).

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## ORDER

The extension of time for Application S-88286, Permit S-55263, therefore, is approved subject to condition contained herein. The deadline for applying water to full beneficial use within the terms and conditions of the permit is extended from March 17, 2020, to March 17, 2050.

DATED: May 22, 2026



Katherine Ratcliffe  
Water Right Services Division Administrator, for  
Ivan Gall, Director  
Oregon Water Resources Department

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