

April 26, 1995

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AGEE, BARBARA
240 APPALOOSA COURT
OAKLAND, OR 97462

REFERENCE: File # R-80200;

We have received your application(s) for a water use permit along with your supporting data, documentation, and fees. A receipt is enclosed here unless you were previously issued one. Your application has been assigned the above referenced file number. Please refer to this number whenever you contact us about your application.

Your application will be considered under House Bill 2153 enacted by the 1993 Oregon Legislature. You may continue the storage of water while a decision is pending on your application.

After an application has been accepted for filing, public notification of the application is made, followed by a mandatory 30-day comment period. Thereafter, applications can be considered for processing as time allows.

At present the Water Resources Department has a backlog of several thousand applications for water use permits which has delayed our application processing time. In general, the Department works through Oregon's 18 river basins on a rotating schedule, processing applications in the order in which they have been received.

The processing of an application does not guarantee that a water right permit will be issued. Each application must undergo specialized analysis called a technical review and a public interest review. Until your application is reviewed, it is not possible to determine whether your particular proposed water use will be recommended for a permit.

Technical Reviews are processed in accordance with Oregon Administrative Rules. The Water Resources Commission is considering the adoption of rules to protect stream flows for fish species. This action is being contemplated in response to current and future Endangered Species Act fish listings, including many runs of salmon, steelhead and resident fish throughout the state.



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The proposed rules, if adopted, could limit the issuance of new water right permits in certain areas of the state. If and when the Commission adopts these rules, new criteria or restrictions may be imposed on water use applications received after:

July 17, 1992, for use of water in the Upper Columbia/Snake Basin (above Bonneville Dam), including the mainstem Columbia and Snake Rivers and the Hood, Deschutes, John Day, Umatilla, Grande Ronde, Powder, Malheur and Owyhee Basins;

April 8, 1994, for use of water in the North Coast, Mid Coast, South Coast, Rogue and Umpqua Basins and the Clackamas Subbasin of the Willamette Basin; and

June 3, 1994, for use of water in all Oregon basins.

When the report on the technical review is completed and sent to you, a 60-day objection period begins during which you, the applicant, or anyone who has expressed an interest in your proposed water use may communicate to us their disagreement with what we have said in our report on your application. After the 60-day objection period, the Department conducts the public interest review and considers any objections which have been made.

After any objections have been considered, there may follow time to allow parties to resolve conflicts over the proposed water use. In addition, a 30-day protest period may be required. Lastly, it may be necessary to schedule a hearing or send the application to the Water Resources Commission for their review.

If your application is recommended for approval and a permit is issued, the use allowed by the permit will be subject to the Basin Program Rules of the Water Resources Commission, instream flow requirements, the demands of prior right holders and other conditions to conform the water use to particular standards.

Please contact the Water Rights Information Group (WRIG) if you have any questions. You may write to us at 158 12th ST NE, Salem, Oregon 97310 or you may call 378-3739 in Salem or toll free from within the state 1-800-624-3199.

Sincerely,



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cc: CWRE