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REFERENCE: File(s) S-74296

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.

Even though your application has been received, filed and assigned an application reference number, no authorization has been granted to develop your water use. The filing of an application does not create a water right. Water may not be used without a water right permit.

After an application has been accepted for filing, public notification of the application is made, followed by the 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. Applications are processed in the order in which they are received.

The processing of an application does not guarantee that a water right permit will be issued. Each application must undergo a specialized analysis called a technical review and a public interest review. There is no way to determine at this time whether your particular proposed water use will be recommended for a permit.



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The Water Resources Commission is considering the adoption of rules for the protection of stream flows in the North Coast, Mid Coast, South Coast, Rogue and Umpqua Basins and the Clackamas Subbasin of the Willamette Basin. These rules would place additional restrictions on the issuance of new permits for the use of water. Applications for the use of water in these basins which are received after April 8, 1994, may be subject to the new restrictions if and when the rules are adopted by the Commission.

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. In most cases no objections are received and the application processing can proceed without further conflict resolution, protest, or hearing.

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, and the demands of prior right holders, and other conditions to conform the water use to particular standards.

Please contact the Water Rights Section of the Water Resources Department 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.

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