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NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING HEARING*

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Water Resources Department 690 Agency and Division Administrative Rules Chapter Number Diana Enright (503) 986-0874 **Rules** Coordinator Telephone Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Salem, OR 97301 Address **RULE CAPTION** Modifies back-siphon prevention device standards for irrigation systems using groundwater to chemigate or fertigate. Not more than 15 words that reasonably identifies the subject matter of the agency's intended action. Hearing Date Time Location Hearings Officer 5-24-17 2:00 p.m. Oregon Water Resources Department, 725 Summer St. NE, Room 124B, Kristopher Byrd **RULEMAKING ACTION** Secure approval of rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing. ADOPT: AMEND: 690-215-0017 **REPEAL:** RENUMBER: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing. AMEND AND RENUMBER: Secure approval of new rule numbers with the Administrative Rules Unit prior to filing. **Statutory Authority:** ORS 536, 537 & 540 **Other Authority: Statutes Implemented:**

ORS 537.780

RULE SUMMARY

The proposed rule changes include:

- Clarifying the installation requirements for down well water treatment systems.
- Specifying the requirements for chemicals used to treat down well groundwater.
- Clarifying back-siphon prevention device testing requirements.
- Clarifying back-siphon prevention device options for irrigation wells with a mainline diameter four inches or larger when used to chemigate or fertigate.
- Clarifying back-siphon prevention device options for irrigation wells with a mainline diameter less than four inches when used to chemigate or fertigate.
- Clarifying the options for individuals that wish to utilize other methods to prevent backflow when applying chemicals or fertilizers through an irrigation system.
- Adding information regarding other agencies that also have backflow assembly requirements.
- Adding detailed requirements for bypass piping installed around approved back-siphon prevention devices.
- Specifying Department authority to require back-siphon prevention devices on any water supply well.

The Agency requests public comment on whether other options should be considered for achieving the rule's substantive goals while reducing negative economic impact of the rule on business.

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Last Day (*m/d/yyyy*) and Time for public comment

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