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CERTIFICATE AND ORDER  
FOR FILING  
**PERMANENT**  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the attached copy is a true, full and correct copy of PERMANENT rule(s) adopted on June 22, 1990 (Date)

by the Water Resources Commission (Department) \_\_\_\_\_ (Division)

to become effective upon filing (Date)

The within matter having come before the Water Resources Commission (Department) \_\_\_\_\_ (Division)

all procedures having been in the required form and conducted in accordance with applicable statutes and rules and being fully advised in the premises:

Notice of Intended Action published in Secretary of State's Bulletin: NO  YES  Date Published: October 15, 1989

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the following action be taken: (List Rule Number(s) or Rule Title(s) on Appropriate Lines Below)

Adopted: (New Total Rules) OAR 690-400-000 and 690-410-010, 020, 030 and 040

Amended: (Existing Rules) \_\_\_\_\_

Repealed: (Total Rules Only) \_\_\_\_\_

as Administrative Rules of the Water Resources Department (Department) \_\_\_\_\_ Resource Management Division (Division)

DATED this 25th day of June, 19 89

By: William N. Young (Authorized Signer)  
Title: Director

Statutory Authority: ORS 536.220, 536.300

Chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_, Oregon Laws 19 \_\_\_\_\_

House Bill(s) \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Legislature; or Senate Bill(s) \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Legis

Subject Matter: Statewide water resource management. These rules establish statewide policies and principles pertaining to a wide range of water-related topics and activities including (a) basin planning; (b) interagency coordination; and (c) development and adoption of rules, standards, and implementing strategies to govern Department programs and activities.

For Further Information Contact: Tom Kline (Rule Coordinator) Phone: 378-3671

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Additional Rules)

Also (Rules Only)

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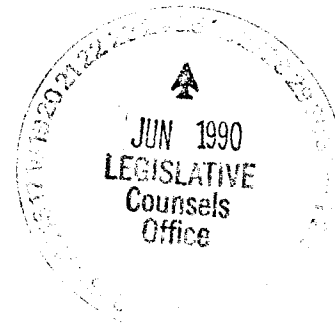
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WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES  
CHAPTER 690  
DIVISION 400  
STATE WATER RESOURCES POLICY - AUTHORIZATION

PURPOSE AND AUTHORIZATION  
690-400-000

- (1) These rules, and those contained in Division 410, establish statewide policies and principles pertaining to a wide range of water-related topics. All Water Resources Commission and Department activities, including but not limited to: (a) basin planning; (b) interagency coordination; and (c) development and adoption of rules, standards, and implementing strategies to govern Department programs and activities, shall be compatible with these rules and those contained in Division 410.
- 2) ORS 536.220 authorizes a single state agency, the Water Resources Commission, to formulate and implement an integrated, coordinated state water resources policy. The Water Resources Commission shall progressively formulate plans and programs to develop the water resources of the state and provide for the enforcement of state water policy. State water resources policy must promote the maximum beneficial use of the waters of the state. Multiplewater uses shall be preferred over single-purpose uses. Existing water rights shall be protected in accordance with relative priority dates except as they may be temporarily modified under emergency drought circumstances. The Commission shall, in adopting policies that affect the appropriation and control of water resources, design those policies to best protect and promote the general public welfare.
- (3) The Water Resources Commission is required by ORS 536.300(2) to develop a state program for managing Oregon's water. The Commission has established the Oregon Water Management Program which consists of statewide policies (OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 400 and 410), basin programs (OAR Chapter 690, Divisions 500 to 520) and non-rule program direction for implementing statewide policies and basin level actions (ORS 536.430).
- (4) In formulating the Oregon Water Management Program, the Commission shall consider declarations of policy provided in ORS 536.310. These declarations mandate the consideration of existing rights, economic development, human consumptive needs, multiple uses, groundwater quality, protection of wildlife, recreation, watershed management, and other priorities outlined by the Legislature. These rules, and those contained in Division 410, are adopted as statements for inclusion in the integrated, coordinated state water resources policy required under ORS 536.300.
- (5) The programs and plans of the Commission are to reflect all laws that relate to or affect the use and control of the water resources of the state (ORS 536.330). The Legislature, in ORS 536.360, directs every state agency and public corporation to

conform to statements of state water resources policy as adopted by the Water Resources Commission.

## GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

690-410-010

### (1) Policy

The groundwaters of the State of Oregon belong to the public. The reasonable control, protection, and use of groundwater is governed by the state on behalf of the public. Groundwater shall be managed to promote efficient and sustainable use for multiple purposes. Groundwater overdraft and contamination shall be prevented to avoid health hazards, environmental damage, and costly correction programs. Interference between groundwater uses and competing groundwater and surface water uses shall be prevented and/or controlled to protect the water resource and existing rights. The state shall pursue restoration of contaminated groundwaters to protect present and future uses. Coordinated action by federal, state and local agencies, Indian tribes, and special districts, along with public education, shall be fostered to promote the effective management, protection and beneficial use of groundwater.

### (2) Principles

Programs to achieve the policy in section (1) of this rule shall be guided by the following principles:

(a) Groundwater and surface water shall be managed conjunctively where to do so will protect water resources, existing water rights, and the public interest.

(b) Rules governing well construction, maintenance, and abandonment shall provide minimum standards for protection of the public welfare, safety, and health, and the groundwaters of the state.

(c) Water well constructors, owners, and operators are responsible to construct, alter, maintain, operate, and abandon wells, and any holes through which the groundwater may be contaminated, in accordance with minimum statewide standards and shall undertake measures necessary to prevent waste, undue interference, contamination, or harm to the groundwater.

(d) Low-temperature geothermal fluids are part of the groundwater resources of the state and are subject to applicable laws and plans. These fluids are developed primarily for thermal characteristics and may require special management approaches to promote beneficial use, protect the environment and achieve other policy directives.

(e) Special-area designations (i.e., critical groundwater management areas, serious water management areas, basin plan restriction areas) may be warranted under

conditions such as:

- (A) past, existing or probable excessive groundwater level declines or overdraft,
- (B) substantial interference between two or more wells or between groundwater and surface water uses (including public instream uses), or between groundwater appropriation and geothermal appropriation under ORS Chapter 522, and/or
- (C) groundwater contamination.

(f) Special-area designations shall be invoked when site-specific standards and regulations are no longer sufficient to solve or prevent the problem(s). The invoking of special-area designations shall be accompanied by recommended monitoring, reporting, or regulating activities to prevent, correct or control existing or potential declines, overdraft, interference or contamination. Existing groundwater appropriations, which are generally protected from infringement, may be controlled if any of the conditions listed in (e) above are found to exist.

(g) Groundwater appropriation for artificial recharge is a beneficial use and can be approved if such action will not:

- (A) cause significant adverse effects on the quantity or quality of the supplying and receiving water sources, or
- (B) harm the public interest.

(h) Ongoing collection, analysis, and distribution of hydrogeologic information are necessary to manage groundwater for maximum beneficial use and to protect the public welfare, safety, and health.

(i) Public education programs, research, and demonstration projects are needed to increase citizen awareness of groundwater issues in this state.

(j) Adequate and safe supplies of groundwater for human and livestock consumption are given priority over other uses during times of shortage.

## HYDROELECTRIC POWER DEVELOPMENT

690-410-020

### (1) Policy

Development and production of hydroelectric power is a beneficial use. However, construction and operation of hydroelectric facilities have had significant adverse impacts on the State's natural resources. New hydroelectric development shall be permitted if it can be demonstrated that there will be no harm to the state's anadromous salmon and steelhead fish resource and habitat, and no net loss of the state's other natural resources. Relicensing of existing facilities, which have adversely impacted, or may preclude the recovery of, anadromous fish resources shall include measures to restore, enhance or

improve the anadromous fish resource. The relicensing of any facility shall include measures to prevent the net loss of other natural resources resulting from future operation of the facility.

(2) Principles

Programs to achieve the policy in section (1) of this rule shall be guided by the following principles:

(a) Hydroelectric power can provide valuable economic and social benefits when the natural resources of the state are protected from potential adverse impacts.

(b) Proposed or relicensed projects that can be developed consistent with Oregon's resource protection standards should be encouraged. New development shall be consistent with the provisions of the Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program as adopted by the Northwest Power Planning Council pursuant to PL 96-501.

(c) Mitigation shall be required for harm to Oregon's natural resources caused or likely to be caused by new permitted hydroelectric power development. These natural resources include but are not limited to anadromous fish, wildlife, water quality, scenic and aesthetic values, historic, cultural and archaeological sites.

(d) On relicensing of existing facilities, measures for restoration, enhancement or improvement for past harms to Oregon's anadromous and steelhead resource shall be considered and implemented.

(e) The state shall ensure that the laws of the state and the rules of the Commission concerning hydroelectric power development are satisfied at every stage of any hydroelectric power project. The state shall assert these laws and rules when participating in federal proceedings involving hydroelectric power. Participation in these proceedings by state agencies shall be fostered through the Strategic Water Management Group (SWMG).

## INTERSTATE COOPERATION

690-410-040

(1) Policy

The state will seek to cooperate with other states in planning, developing, managing, and resolving conflicts involving surface or groundwater resources. Interstate cooperation shall be actively pursued to benefit the public interest, welfare, health, economy and safety of Oregon's citizens.

(2) Principles

Programs to achieve the policy in section (1) of this rule shall be guided by the following principles:

(a) Existing laws, agreements, water rights, individual state interests and resource conditions shall guide and limit interstate cooperation in order to protect the public interest.

(b) Cooperation is preferred, but not required, over unilateral action, litigation, arbitration, or adjudication.

(c) The meaning, intent and purpose of interstate cooperation as embodied in this policy also applies to federally recognized Indian Tribes, and their governments, located wholly or partially within this state.