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**WATER RESOURCES
DEPARTMENT**

OAR 690, Division 86 – Water Management and Conservation Plan Rulemaking Overview

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Brief History of Division 86

- **OAR Chapter 690, Division 86 was adopted by the Commission on September 9, 1994**
- **Rule update adopted by the Commission in October of 2002:**
 - **Reorganized rules for readability, but did not substantively modify provisions for agricultural water suppliers.**
 - **For municipal water suppliers, tied Division 86 requirements to conditions in permit Extension of Time approvals (OAR Chapter 690, Division 315).**

WMCP Program – Plan Types

Existing Structure

- Municipal
- Agricultural

Proposed Structure

- Regular Municipal
- Small Municipal*
- Agricultural

Who's Required to have a WMCP?

- **Municipal Water Suppliers are required to have a current WMCP on file with the Department for any of the following:**
 - **A condition of a Final Order approving a previous WMCP;**
 - **A condition of a Final Order approving an Extension of Time as required by OAR Chapter 690, Division 315; or**
 - **A condition of a Final Order approving a new water right.**

WATER MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION PLANS

OAR DIVISION 690, CHAPTER 86

A Guidebook for Oregon Municipal Water Suppliers
March 2015 (2nd Edition)



Plan Elements

- Water Supplier Description
- Water Supply
- Water Conservation
- Water Curtailment

Existing Population Delineations

1,000 people

Or

300 service connections



How will this rulemaking help?

- **Encourage small water suppliers to participate by:**
 - **Developing size-appropriate criteria for suppliers serving less than 1,000 people or with fewer than 300 service connections**
- **Continue to ensure that:**
 - **Water is being used responsibly;**
 - **Emergency plans are in place; and**
 - **Water rights & diversion limits are fully understood by users**

Additional rule updates:

- **Revision of the Plan Review, Approval and Enforcement Section:**
 - Revised appeals language to align with Administrative Procedures Act (APA)
- **Other sections of the existing municipal rules:**
 - Updated definitions to align with industry standards
 - Revised conservation measures element to streamline requirements

Current Rulemaking – Milestones

- **RAC met 4 times from**
 - **Aug. 2017 – May 2018**
- **Public Comment Period**
 - **Sept. 1 – Oct. 4, 2018**
- **Public Hearing**
 - **September 24, 2018 at 1:30 PM**

Next Steps

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- **Complete public comment / public hearing**
 - **Review public comments and address any significant issues**
 - **Seek adoption by the Commission at the November 2018 Commission Meeting**

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Thank you.