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WATER RESOURCES D E P A R T M E N T OAR 690, Division 86 – Water Management and Conservation Plan Rulemaking Overview

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- 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
- <u>Small Municipal*</u>
- 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)





Current Municipal WMCP Implementation

Plan Elements

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



Existing Population Delineations

1,000 people Or 300 service connections





Current Rulemaking

How will this rulemaking help?

- Encourage small water suppliers to participate by:
 - Developing size-appropriate criteria for suppliers serving less than 1,000 people <u>or</u> 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



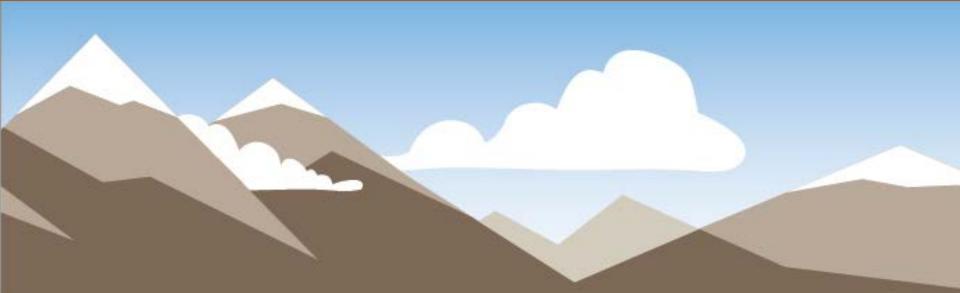
Current Rulemaking – Milestones

- 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

- 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.