

WATER CONCERNS OF THE PORTNEUF WATER DIST. #29

1. Fund a basin study of the Portneuf Water District #29. Include river water and non-surface use.
 - A. Have a study of the Upper Portneuf and Chesterfield area done and in place for the upcoming adjudication of this region. We need this conjunctive study to get this done properly the "first time" around or we'll be wasting money.
2. Water Quality
 - A. Fund qualified research of the surface water to aquifer relationship.
 - B. Waste water management.
 1. Pesticides and residues discharged into the aquifer.
 2. Barnyard, feedlot, and any other wastes that run-off into streams, rivers, gravel pits, etc.
 - C. Identify these problems now and promptly try to stop them.
3. Water regulation enforcement by IDWR
 - A. Get more hands on information of the problems of water management in our area. We have a serious lack of regulations and controls in our district.
4. Water conservation and management including:
 - A. Fund more conferences, studies, etc. in our area for this subject.
 - B. Help develop better regulations of the reservoir discharge – summer and winter.
 1. Automatic recorders should be installed on reservoir discharge and at PMV diversion on lower river so as to correctly monitor water delivered to conserve irrigation and habitat water.
 2. Study and develop better winter and spring water storage holding and discharge rates from reservoir, so as to minimize flooding, silt discharge, and equalize river flows as much as possible with existing facilities and manpower.
5. Urban Sprawl
 - A. Fund studies of the impacts of urban sprawl.
 - B. Affect on our environment, water quality, air quality and social quality.
 - C. Slow down development
 1. Make planning and zoning boards develop reasonable plans for growth.
 2. Degraded agriculture property because of the sprawl.
 3. More people, more problems, more regulations

4. Save the good farmland "now" not after it is all in lawns, concrete, malls, etc.

6. Public Access

- A. Fund public access to our public lands.

1. Check on Oregon's new public access and right-of-ways law and see if it is adoptable to our state.
 2. Let Fish and Game have money to purchase access and right-of-ways for public use.

7. The need exists for closer hands on actions in procedures of water distribution and monitoring by the IDWR and also accurate and daily written reporting of all measuring devices of the complete river system.

8. These suggestions should be carried out according to the state water laws and in place adjudicated decrees, keeping in mind "first in time-first in right".

9. The adjudication of the water rights in District #29 should be completed now if at all possible to curtail existing animism among users.

- A. Bring all wells and in stream pumping permits into District #29 and make comply with existing state laws.
 - B. Late permit storage rights on Chesterfield Reservoir should be negated until agreement can be reached where prior rights are not depleted by such storage.
 - C. Most problems would be easily resolved if the "first in time-first in right law" was enforced without question.