

### **Farm and Forest Resources Water Supply and Irrigation – Page 3-3**

Much of Deschutes County is served by six irrigation districts (Map 3-1) - these are special entities created for the purpose of delivering water to their patrons. ~~These districts are effectively non-profit water user associations.~~

Existing farms with senior water rights in general have relatively generous irrigation rights, which ~~have rarely been fully~~ may be underutilized, and are expected to have sufficient water to cope with increasing temperatures and drought conditions in the future.

### **Goals and Policies – Page 3-7**

Add new Policy 3.1.5 Ensure that criteria for and designation of Agricultural Lands are consistent with state administrative rules and statutes.

### **Policy 3.3.6 – Page 3-8**

- a. Allow comprehensive plan and zoning map amendments, including for those that qualify as non-resource land, for individual EFU parcels as allowed by ORS 215.788 ~~State Statute~~, Oregon Administrative Rules and this Comprehensive Plan.

### **Policy 3.3.6 – Page 3-9**

- b. Explore creation of a new zoning classification intended to balance value of high desert environment while allowing for limited housing opportunities and applying this potential re-designation of resource lands through the application of ORS 215.788 ~~through and~~ coordination with interested and willing property owners.

### **Minerals and Aggregate Resources Goals and Policies – Page 4-4**

Add new Policy 4.1.5. Following reclamation, ensure mining sites are planned and zoned consistently with all 19 statewide land use planning goals.

### **Natural Resources Water Resources – Page 5-3**

Some view the water laws are seen as antiquated by many and while others believe established water laws can be amended to meet future needs and Issues related to water levels in private residential wells, irrigation allocation to farmers, and protection of habitat areas for dependent species arise frequently.

Ongoing development and piping of canals (which ~~limits~~ reduces artificial groundwater recharge while conserving canal water) also exacerbate the issue.

Deschutes County has limited jurisdiction of water use, instead playing a coordination role with irrigation districts, water users, and owners of private wells and continuing to foster a collaborative approach with water rights holders and other stakeholders to address the many challenges with water supply and allocation.

- c. Pursuant to ORS 197.455 and Goal 8, the criteria at Policy 11.7.4(c)(1)-(9) apply to any destination resort master plan application or modification of existing master plan application. Many of these criteria cannot be accounted for through a map by itself, but rather are triggered upon a condition on the ground, such as a new Goal 5 wildlife resource (Policy 11.7.4(c)(1).  
To assure that resort development does not conflict with the objectives of Deschutes County, destination resorts shall also not be located in the following areas:

#### **Public Facilities Irrigation Districts – Page 12-5**

~~As such they are effectively non-profit water user associations.~~

#### **Energy Hydroelectric Energy Generation – Page 14-4**

Irrigation districts have advocated for the Deschutes County code to be updated to address in-conduit hydroelectric projects instead of only in-channel projects. expressed interest in reducing barriers to permitting these types of developments Community members want to make sure that any hydroelectric revenues are commensurate with new benefits to instream flows and fish and wildlife habitat restoration.

#### **Energy Goals and Policies – Page 14-5**

**Policy 14.1.5.** Promote development of solar, hydropower, wind, geothermal, biomass and other alternative energy systems while mitigating impacts on neighboring properties and the natural environment; mitigating impacts to wildlife habitat must be consistent with ODFW's mitigation policy.

**Policy 14.1.10.** Pursue a Goal 5 inventory, analysis, and protection process to identify significant renewable energy sites and to exclude some areas from renewable energy development when conflicting uses, such as wildlife habitat, farm and forest operations, etc, warrant full protection.  
~~Identify, protect, and support the development of significant renewable energy sites and resources.~~