

## **Appendix C**

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**Agency and Public Mailing List, Public Scoping Letter,  
News Release, and Comments Received**



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Public Scoping Letter

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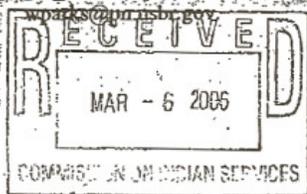
Subject: Comments Requested for the Proposed Greenberry Irrigation District, Water Service Contract for Water Stored in the Willamette Basin Project, Oregon

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) constructed, operates, and maintains the Willamette Basin Project (Project) consisting of a system of dams and reservoirs for multiple purposes. On behalf of the Corps, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has since 1953, administered irrigation Water Service Contracts for individual water users and irrigation districts in the Willamette River basin. Project water is water that has been stored in and released from reservoirs and dams operated by the Corps. A Water Service Contract allows a water user to withdraw Project water for irrigation when water is available, as determined by the Corps, and in accordance with Federal and state laws.

The Greenberry Irrigation District (District) has requested a Water Service Contract for up to 7,500 acre-feet annually of Project water for use during the irrigation season. The District, located south of Corvallis, Oregon, was formed in 1998. The District would construct a pump station and a 4-mile underground pipeline to pump Project water from the Willamette River at river mile 144.1 (Figure 1). These facilities would be located on private land and would be owned, operated, and maintained by the District. A portion of the water from the pipeline would be discharged into Winkle Lake and the remaining water would be discharged into Muddy Creek downstream from the William L. Finley National Wildlife Refuge. Using Muddy Creek, Winkle Lake, and the drainages and Oxbow lakes downstream of Winkle Lake, the District would deliver the water to its members to irrigate up to 6,300 acres of private commercial agricultural land in Benton County (Figure 2). Of these 6,300 acres, 3,800 would be newly irrigated existing agricultural land. The remaining 2,500 acres are irrigated with existing primary water rights and Project water would be available as a supplemental water source.

Reclamation must decide whether to approve the requested Water Service Contract. Before that decision will be made, we must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. Reclamation is seeking your comments or your assistance by identifying potential concerns such as economic, social, or environmental impacts that may result from Reclamation's decision. Your written comments should be submitted by March 31, 2006 to: Bureau of Reclamation, Attention LCA-6502, 1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 750, Portland, OR 97232. If you have questions regarding the proposed Water Service Contract, please contact Mr. Bill Parks at 208-378-5344 or by email at wparks@pwr.usbr.gov



Sincerely,

Ronald J. Eggers
Area Manager

News Release

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Lower Columbia Area Office Portland, Oregon

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For Release: March 1, 2006

Reclamation Seeks Public Comments on the Proposed Greenberry Irrigation District Water Service Contract

The Bureau of Reclamation received a request from the Greenberry Irrigation District to administer a water service contract for up to 7,500 acre feet of stored Willamette River basin water to irrigate farmlands located south of Corvallis, Oregon. The request seeks a decision of eligibility for a water service contract.

Reclamation has prepared and administered irrigation water service contracts for individual water users and irrigation districts in the Willamette River basin for over 50 years, in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The Willamette Basin Project consists of a system of dams and reservoirs for multiple purposes, operated and maintained by the Corps of Engineers, which determines the availability of project irrigation water supply.

The National Environmental Policy Act requires Reclamation to evaluate the possible environmental and social impacts of the District's request before it makes a decision of eligibility. Written comments can be sent to Tanya Sommer, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Columbia Area Office, 1201 NE Lloyd Blvd., Suite 750, Portland OR 97232, or call (503) 872-2846. Comments must be received by March 31, 2006.

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

What follows is a list of concerns regarding the Proposed Greenberry Irrigation District Water Services Contract for water stored in the Willamette Basin Project.

The Marys River Watershed Council is in support of this proposal by the Greenberry Irrigation District if the following concerns are investigated and the results are to our satisfaction:

1. We want to be sure that the mixing of Willamette Water into the Muddy system would not result in exotic plants or animals having new access to the Muddy Creek system.
2. We would like assurances that Muddy creek would not be adversely affected by the chemical composition of the Willamette water, in particular regards to the limiting factors in Muddy Creek which cause the Marys River to be listed on the 303d list. These factors include turbidity, high phosphorus levels and low BOD. We would expect assurances that these factors in the Marys River and Muddy Creek would not be further exacerbated by Willamette water.
3. We would like assurance that erosion will not be increased as a result of increased flow at unusual times of the year. Turbidity is an issue in the Marys and the source is primarily Muddy Creek.
4. Finally, we would like assurances that this plan will also look toward acquisition of senior water rights dedicated to in-stream flow from those who will benefit from the additional water from the Willamette.

Thank you for the opportunity to have our concerns become part of the Environmental Assessment.

Sincerely,

Sandra Coveny, on behalf of the Marys River Watershed Council

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Theodore R. Kulongoski, Governor

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March 17, 2006

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RE: SHPO Case No. 06-0510  
 Greenberry Irrigation District Water Service Contract  
 , Corvallis vicinity Benton County

Dear Ronald:

I have recently received a request from your office to review the project reference above for any known cultural resources within this project area. Unfortunately, your request arrived without a map that will allow me to pinpoint the exact location of the proposed project, which I can compare with our office's GIS database. Can you please send me a map of the project area (using a 7.5' USGS map) that clearly shows the proposed land development area in relation to the Township, Range and Section? Our GIS system is based on USGS maps and the small tax lot map included within the permit application is not useful for comparative purposes.

Upon receipt of a more detailed map, I will review your project application and get back to you in a timely manner. In order to help us track your project accurately, please be sure to reference the SHPO case number above in all correspondence.

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RE: Comments for Proposed Greenberry Irrigation District, Water Service Contract for Water Stored in the Willamette Basin Project, Oregon

To Whom It May Concern:

We have received the notification for the Greenberry Irrigation District request for water service contract for irrigation use. Because native people inhabited areas along waterways for thousands of years, these areas frequently have a higher density of cultural sites.

Because new construction of a pump station and pipeline is proposed, The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde request that a review with the State Historic Preservation Office and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers be conducted to provide information regarding any previous cultural surveys that may have been completed in the proposed project area.

A cultural survey prior to beginning the project can illuminate additional cost and time, in the case of an inadvertent discovery during construction.

Should you have any questions, or would like to continue discussion, please contact me at (503) 879-2185.

Respectfully,

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The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is pleased to have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed Greenberry Irrigation District contract for water in the Willamette Basin Project. ODA does have some concerns with the project as proposed, and we trust that these will be addressed by an environmental assessment (EA).

Under Oregon law, ODA is responsible for regulating water quality issues relating to agricultural land use. At this time our regulatory authority does not extend to irrigation district activities, but begins once irrigation water is applied to land. Oregon water quality rules that apply to the proposed project area are OAR 603-095-2340(1) (a) and (b). A copy of these rules and the Agricultural Water Quality Management Area Plan for the Mid-Willamette are included with this letter.

One of our concerns with this project has to do with the fate of irrigation drainage. Because more than half of the area to be irrigated has not been under irrigation in the past, a drainage system should be established to receive runoff. The quality of this drainage should also be considered, because irrigation runoff can introduce pollutants, including elevated water temperature, into waters of the state. Recent water quality data show that there have been elevated phosphorus and bacteria concentrations in the receiving stream. The EA should consider the fate of irrigation runoff resulting from the project.

Another concern has to do with activities that may disturb and/or restrict growth of riparian vegetation. If Muddy Creek is going to be used as an irrigation conveyance, then this implies that many sections of the creek will have to be developed with water diversions. These developments can disrupt riparian vegetation growth if not constructed carefully. The EA should consider how much riparian disturbance could occur from the construction and use of water diversions and any other infrastructure related to the project.

Information presented in the solicitation of comments suggests that up to 21 cubic feet per second (cfs) of flow could be discharged into Muddy Creek. This is in addition to the proposed flow of nine cfs that the City of Corvallis is proposing to discharge into the

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stream as part of their sewage treatment process. Based on conversations with the Marys River Watershed Council, this may more than double normal summertime flow in Muddy Creek. Streambanks can undergo more erosion in these instances because of the increased duration of high flow conditions. There is a potential that this increased flow could result in destabilizing streambanks, leading to loss of farmland and increased sediment in the stream.

Increasing the flow of the stream during time periods when riparian vegetation is growing can also be a concern, because increasing the amount of water available to plants can change the lateral extent of vegetation. In some instances, streams that are used as irrigation conveyances end up with large growths of aquatic vegetation. Moreover, long periods of dry season bankfull flow may have a damaging impact on any existing riparian vegetation. The EA should include an analysis of the bankfull capacity of the stream to determine how an increase of 30 cfs would alter both the physical condition and riparian condition of the stream.

The Bureau of Reclamation should consider mitigation as a way to address some of the concerns ODA has identified. Mitigation methods could consist of restoration projects on other reaches of Muddy Creek to compensate for potential damages caused by the irrigation project. We would be happy to assist in developing mitigation strategies and methods if that would be useful to the Bureau.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you may have about our concerns.

Sincerely,



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