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CITY OF WARRENTON

WORK SESSION

AGENDA

**City Commission of the City of Warrenton
Tuesday, October 25, 2016 – 5:15 P.M.**

**Warrenton City Commission Chambers
225 South Main Avenue
Warrenton, OR 97146**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Water Rights Update from GSI Consultants**
- 4. Adjourn**

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City of Warrenton City Commission Work Session

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October 25, 2016



Water Rights Background

Permitting Process

- Application
 - Permit
 - Extension (if needed)
 - Certificate
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# Water Right Background cont.

- Water right permits have development deadlines.
- If all water is not fully used before the deadline, a “permit extension” can allow more time to fully use the permit.
- Once fully used, a water right certificate can be issued.

# Permit Extensions

- Historical Process:
  - Permit extensions were easy
  - Routinely given 5 additional years
- Process changed in 2005

# Permit Extensions

- New Process:
  - Use of the “undeveloped portion of the permit” must “maintain the persistence” of listed fish species.
  - Authorized use – maximum beneficial use (before development deadline) = “undeveloped portion”
  - Receive extension for time needed to finish development

# Warrenton's Water Rights

| Water Right       | Source                                                   | Rate   | Development Deadline |
|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------|
| Certificate 29478 | Little & Big South Fork and Mainstem Lewis & Clark River | 5 cfs  | N/A                  |
| Certificate 9777  | Camp C Creek                                             | 2 cfs  | N/A                  |
| Permit S-5070     | Lewis & Clark River                                      | 20 cfs | 10/1/2000            |

# Extension for Permit S-5070

- Deadline – 2000
- Updated extension application filed – 2012
- “Undeveloped portion of permit” = 16.8 cfs
  - (20 cfs – 3.2 cfs used = 16.8)
- Developed water rights for use of Lewis & Clark River = 8.2 cfs



# Extension for Permit S-5070

- **Current activities:**
  - **Measuring stream flows**
    - Is there more than 8.2 cfs in the river (during peak demand periods)?
  - **Review draft “fish persistence” conditions**
    - Will they limit City’s use of water?
    - Are there alternatives that would benefit the City?
      - Move point of diversion downstream?

# Extension for Permit S-5070

- Next Steps: Develop strategy (by June 2017)
- Strategy based on:
  - Analysis of collected info
  - Input from city on alternatives
  - Information from Master Plan update and
  - Communications with ODFW

# Questions ?

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