

# Water Rights Introduction

City of Talent

City Council

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# Agenda

- “Water Rights 101”
- City’s Water Rights
- Overview of Coordination between Partner Cities and Medford Water

# Water Rights 101

# Water Rights Life Stages

Application



Permit



(extension)

Certificate



# “Four Corners” of a Water Right

- Water Source
- Rate and /or Volume
- Point of Diversion
- Authorized Use
- Place of Use

# Water Rights Terms

- Development Deadline
- Certification / Perfection / Proving up
- Non-use
- Extension of Time
- Partial Perfection

# City's Water Rights

# City's Original Water Rights

Water Right	Source	Priority Date	Rate (cfs)
GR-620	groundwater	7/1912	0.28
GR-621	groundwater	1948	0.56
Permit S-36144	Wagner Cr.	4/20/1971	1.0 cfs (Nov – March)
Certificate 26383	groundwater	3/3/1958	0.09
Certificate 26384	groundwater	9/10/1959	0.17



# City of Talent Water Rights

- City of Talent joined MWC in 1990s
  - City obtained water rights for peak season (May-September)
  - City obtained water right for use of stored water diverted at Duff WTP
  - City has “Treat and Transport” agreement with MWC

# City's Water Rights at Duff WTP

Water Right	Source	Priority Date	Volume (AF)
Certificate 91134	Lost Creek Reservoir	12/28/1998	533
Permit S-53898	Lost Creek Reservoir	12/28/1998	759
Total			1,292

# City's Water Rights at Duff WTP

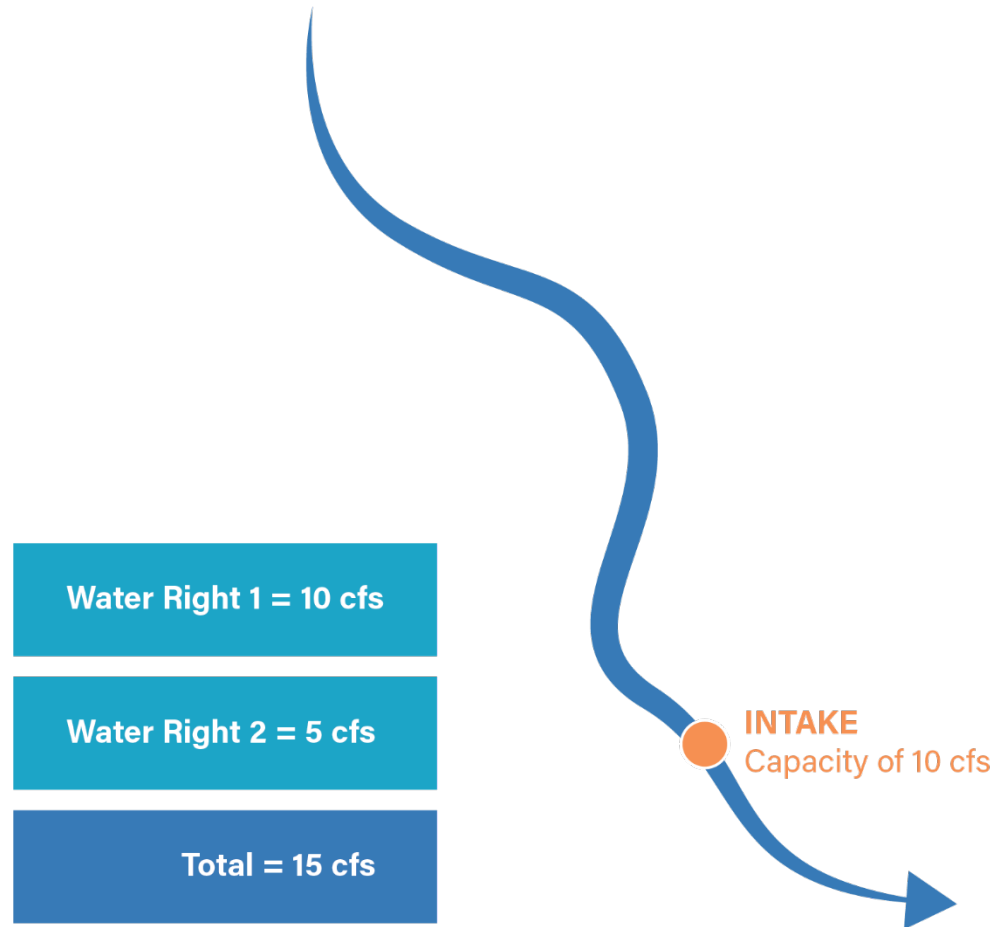
- Permit S-53898 – originally 1,292 AF
- Partially perfected
- Obtain Certificate 91134 for 533 AF
- Permit S-53898 – now 759 AF
- Extension of time – 10/1/2065

# Coordination between Partner Cities and Medford Water

# Water Rights Coordination

- Five Other Cities Got Water Rights
  - 20 water rights at Duff WTP
  - Held by 6 Partner Cities and Medford Water Commission
- Certification must be strategic
  - Water right rates exceed WTP capacity
  - Avoid “leaving water on the table”

# Strategic Certification Needed



# Partner Cities/MWC Coordination

- Certification strategy to protect water rights
- Other benefits of coordination:
  - Supply source diversity/redundancy
  - Long-term water supply



# Partner Cities / Medford Water Collaborative Effort

- Developed water rights strategy
- Seeking method to improve current and long-term reliability of each Partner's water supply & group's total water supply



# Questions?