- (a) The City of Walla Walla shall pay the entire cost of constructing and maintaining this project; and
- (b) The City of Walla Walla shall employ only residents and inhabitants of the State of Oregon in the construction and maintenance of the project.
- (2) The Water Resources Commission may from time to time direct that a designated portion of the impounded waters shall be held in the State of Oregon for fire protection, for use by Oregon residents, for wildlife habitat needs, and to maintain proper streamflow during the summer months.
- (3) Prior to commencing construction, the City of Walla Walla shall make application for such appropriation, impoundment and diversion to the Water Resources Commission and such appropriation, impoundment and diversion shall be allowed upon such additional terms, conditions, reservations, restrictions and provisions, including minimum streamflow, as the Water Resources Commission shall impose for the protection and benefit of the State of Oregon. [1975 c.732 §2; 1985 c.673 §76]

537.840 Legislative consent; filing of certified copy; appropriation rights and procedure. Upon receiving legislative permission to appropriate waters under ORS 537.801 to 537.860, the permittee, upon filing in the Water Resources Department a certified copy of the Act, certified to by the Secretary of State, may proceed to obtain an appropriation of waters in the manner provided by the laws of this state for the appropriation of waters for beneficial use, subject to all existing rights and valid prior appropriations, exceptions, reservations, restrictions and provisions of such legislative consent. [Amended by 1985 c.673 §77]

537.850 Suits to protect state interests; right of redress to private persons. In the event of any violation or attempt to violate any of the provisions of ORS 537.801 to 537.860, the Governor shall cause to be instituted such suits and actions as may be necessary to protect and defend the sovereign rights and interests of the state in the premises. Persons are given right of redress against such violator at private suit or action under any appropriate remedy at law or in equity.

537.855 Domestic water supply district permitted to divert water out of state; conditions. (1) Pursuant to the provisions of ORS 537.810, consent is hereby given to any domestic water supply district formed under ORS chapter 264 to permit the diversion of

- water for use on property a portion of which is within a state adjoining Oregon, subject to the following conditions:
- (a) The majority of the property is within Oregon.
- (b) The property is developed with economic benefit to Oregon as well as to the adjoining state, in the judgment of the domestic water supply district.
- (c) The costs of the diversion are borne by the developer or owner of the property.
- (d) The developer employs only residents of Oregon in the construction necessary for the diversion of water.
- (2) The diversion of water under this section shall be subject to additional terms, conditions, reservations, restrictions and provisions as the Water Resources Commission shall impose for the protection and benefit of the State of Oregon. [1985 c.572 §2; 1987 c.158 §115]

**537.860 Vested rights protected.** ORS 537.810 to 537.850 shall not affect any valid prior appropriation or water right existing on May 12, 1951.

537.870 Out-of-state municipalities; acquisition of land and water rights in Oregon. Subject to the limitations imposed by ORS 537.801 to 537.860, any municipal corporation of any state adjoining Oregon may acquire title to any land or water right within Oregon, by purchase or condemnation, which lies within any watershed from which the municipal corporation obtains or desires to obtain its water supply.

## **GEOTECHNICAL HOLES**

537.880 Policy; log requirement; reporting. (1) The activity of drilling geotechnical holes is declared to be an activity affecting the public welfare, health and safety. In order to enable this state to protect the welfare, health and safety of its citizens, any person that drills a geotechnical hole shall keep a log of each geotechnical hole that is drilled and submit a report to the Water Resources Commission within 30 days after the completion of the drilling.

- (2) This section applies to geotechnical holes that are:
  - (a) Greater than 18 feet deep;
- (b) Within 50 feet of a water supply or a monitoring well;
- (c) Used to determine water quality and open less than 72 hours; or
- (d) Drilled in an area known or reasonably suspected to be contaminated. [2009 c.767 §2]