

water reservoir and as to the boundaries and depth thereof. A copy of the notice shall be delivered to each person or public agency known to the director from an examination of the records in the Water Resources Department to be a claimant to a right to appropriate ground water of the ground water reservoir or any surface water within the area in which the ground water reservoir is located. The notice shall also be published in at least one issue each week for at least two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in each county in which the ground water reservoir or any part thereof is located. If the ground water reservoir is located in whole or in part within the limits of any city, the notice shall be published in at least one issue each week for at least two consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city, if any, and copies of the notice shall be delivered to the mayor or chairperson of the governing body of the city. Copies of the notice shall be delivered and the last publication date of published notices shall be at least 30 days prior to the taking of any testimony.

(3) The director shall enclose with each copy of the notice referred to in subsection (2) of this section delivered to each person or public agency known to be a claimant to a right to appropriate ground water of the ground water reservoir a blank form on which such claimant shall present in writing all the particulars necessary for determination of the right of the claimant as may be prescribed by the director. The director may require each claimant to certify to the statements of the claimant under oath, and the director or the authorized assistant of the director may administer such oaths. [1955 c.708 §15; 1991 c.102 §3]

**537.675 Determination of rights in several reservoirs or of critical ground water area in same proceeding.** (1) Whenever the Water Resources Director has reason to believe that two or more ground water reservoirs overlie one another wholly or in part, the director may proceed to a final determination of the rights to appropriate the ground water of each of such ground water reservoirs in the same proceeding under ORS 537.670 to 537.695.

(2) The director may include in a determination proceeding under ORS 537.670 to 537.695 a determination of a critical ground water area under ORS 537.730 to 537.740. [1955 c.708 §16]

**537.680 Taking testimony; inspecting evidence; contesting claim.** Testimony shall be taken, evidence shall be open to inspection and claims shall be subject to con-

test in a proceeding to determine rights to appropriate the ground water of any ground water reservoir initiated under ORS 537.670 as nearly as possible in the same manner as provided in ORS 539.070, 539.090, 539.100 and 539.110 for the determination of the relative rights of the various claimants to the waters of any surface stream. [1955 c.708 §17]

**537.685 Findings of fact and order of determination.** As soon as practicable after compilation of the evidence obtained in proceedings under ORS 537.665 to 537.680, the Water Resources Director shall make and cause to be entered of record in the Water Resources Department findings of fact and an order of determination, determining and establishing the several rights to appropriate the ground water of the ground water reservoir. The findings of fact and order of determination shall also include:

(1) The boundaries and depth of each ground water reservoir.

(2) The lowest permissible water level in each ground water reservoir.

(3) The location, extent, quality and other pertinent characteristics of the ground water supply.

(4) The serviceable methods of withdrawal of the ground water from each ground water reservoir.

(5) Rules for controlling the use of the ground water from each ground water reservoir.

(6) Such general or special rules or restrictions with respect to the construction, operation and protection of wells and the withdrawal of ground water thereby as in the judgment of the director the public welfare, health and safety may require.

(7) The name and post-office address of each claimant.

(8) The nature of the use of the ground water allowed for each well, together with the maximum permissible use of the ground water, the place of use of the ground water and the date of priority of each use.

(9) If the ground water is used or is to be used for irrigation purposes, a description of the lands irrigated or to be irrigated, giving the number of acres irrigated or to be irrigated in each 40-acre legal subdivision.

(10) The location of each well with reference to government survey corners or monuments or corners of recorded plats.

(11) The depth, diameter and type of each well, the kind and amount of the casing, the capacity of each well in gallons per minute and such other information concerning each well as in the opinion of the director may be pertinent. [1955 c.708 §18; 1991 c.102 §4]