

Deschutes County Comprehensive Plan Supplement, *Newberry Country: A Plan for Southern Deschutes County*, Amendments

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Goal 9

Goal 9 Partner with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to protect groundwater and public health

Policy 9.1 Explore opportunities for Goal 11 exceptions and the full range of advance wastewater treatment opportunities, including but not limited to, the use of onsite alternative treatment technology, centralized sewer systems and cluster systems.

- a. The zoning of the properties identified in the Goal 11 exception will retain the same zoning as prior to the Goal 11 exception; the Goal 11 exception cannot be used to upzone properties to more intense uses

Policy 9.3 Implement the Steering Committee Recommendations from the 2013 DEQ Report on South Deschutes County and North Klamath

- a. The County shall support efforts by DEQ to fund a groundwater testing program
- b. The County shall ensure any Sanitation Authority proposed for South Deschutes County will comply with the applicable laws and administrative rules regarding the Sanitary Authority's formation
- c. Continue to education livestock owners and complaining parties by distributing the matrix "Keeping of Livestock in Rural Residential Setting: Education and Enforcement Resources" and updating the matrix as circumstances warrant.
- d. Coordinate with DEQ to assess the feasibility of establishing a permitting/groundwater monitoring program for all golf courses, nurseries, commercial RV parks, manufactured/mobile home parks and other point sources.
- e. The Environmental Soils Division will coordinate with DEQ on the timeline for the continued use of Alternative Treatment Technology (ATT) systems for on-site septic use.
- f. Coordinate research with DEQ on how other states have established financial aid for sewage treatment solutions and propose an approach to use in southern Deschutes County.
- g. Continue to involve South County residents on groundwater issues.
- h. Support DEQ's efforts to assess green technology for wastewater disposal and setting of applicable performance standards.

Groundwater Quality

~~As of the date of this Plan's adoption, the DEQ Steering Committee is in the final stages of developing recommendations to protect the groundwater.~~

On July 2013 DEQ released its "South Deschutes County/North Klamath Groundwater Protection: Report and Recommendations." The report recommended a Goal 11 exception based on the Steering Committee's unanimous approval on January 9, 2013. The Goal 11 exception was preferred for several reasons, including the size and density of residential lots that predated the establishment of the state's 10-acre minimum lot size; the ability of citizens to implement public sewage treatment, but not be mandated to choose sewers; and that centralized systems allow better treatment of nitrates and other contaminants.

The Goal 11 exception was approved under land use application 247-15-000308-PA and implemented through Ordinance 2016-007, which are adopted into this plan by reference.