

Hearing on Minikahda Creek project delayed

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A hearing for a conditional use permit on the Minikahda micro hydropower project scheduled for today has been postponed until later this month or the first of November.

The project, proposed by Paul Sanders and Mary Condon, would generate enough power to serve 10 to 15 homes. The site of the proposed plant is the Lolo Pass area, in a valley near Crutchers Bench.

Neil Fredrickson, a resident of the area who lives on Minkahda Creek, a tributary of Clear Creek, where 26 persons get drinking water, said that he is afraid the project

will create problems with their water system, as well as be a potential threat to the fish and wildlife in the area. The valley below Crutchers Bench is a major area for deer.

Fredrickson said that in August he heard "chainsaws and people working in the area." He said that trees and brush were cut and later noticed pipes stacked up on the property owned by Sanders.

Fredrickson said that in the middle "of all this confusion," the area's water system operator, Harry D. Hoak of Milwaukie, died. That was July 15. Hoak's water company, the Burbank Water Company, was left in limbo with the estate's

administrator threatening to sell to the highest bidder.

Two weeks after Hoak's death the State Health Division claimed that someone got sick on the system's water and ordered customers to boil their water.

Fredrickson said a notice of a potential health hazard was posted on only some of the residences, but not all of them.

Linda Fredrickson, his wife, said that she questioned whether the system's water was a health hazard, but did acknowledge that repairs were needed, as well as some proper administration.

Some customers have not been billed for three years.

The Fredricksons referred to the Burbank Water Company as "a secret water system" because nobody except the deceased owner knew where all the pipes are located.

They said that the cost of correcting the system was not astronomical, but until that time, the Burbank Water Company should be able to continue to serve its customers.

Al Smythe, of the State Health Department's office of environmental health, received a complain from Donald Loftis on Lolo Pass Road, "who got sick drinking the water."

Smythe said that Bob Johnson of the Clackamas County Health Department,

and Bob Knight of the EPA, began running test on the water system for giardia, a parasite that invades drinking water and can cause illness.

They also conducted a bacteria analysis test that proved positive.

On July 21 the giardia test proved negative, meaning "it was not present in the water."

Smythe said that he was not aware of the hydro project going in and said that the next logical step would be for the customers to come up with an alternate plan to upgrade the system.

The Fredricksons question the logic behind the State Department of Energy's "Small Energy Loan Program" for giving the project a 12 percent loan totaling \$78,840 for a plant "to be con-

structed above a water system."

Sandra Burt, a loan officer with SELP, said that the water company's operator, Harry Hoak, sent a letter on June 30 concerning the Minikahda project. Hoak operated the water company from 1924 until his death.

Hoak wrote that "Paul Sanders has informed me of his plans for construction of a hydroelectric power system which will use water taken from Minikahda Creek upstream from the Burbank Water Company intake. He has explained to me his plan to install a feeder line from Minikahda Power to Burbank Water Company Collection tank so that Burbank tank level will be maintained by water for Minikahda Power penstock line."

Hoak said that he was in

agreement and approved of Sander's plan.

Customers of the Burbank Water Company are currently organizing and will be meeting to determine a plan of action for both their water problems and the proposed hydroelectric plant.

They are also attempting to get a postponement of today's conditional use permit hearing, claiming that six property owners near the project were not notified. If the hearing is allowed to proceed, it would be in violation of a Clackamas County ordinance that requires written notification of property owners within 250 feet of the proposed development a minimum of 20 days in advance of the hearing.

Clyburn said that they will "attempt to move the hearing to the 29th of October as the soonest date possible."

Since early July, two hearings related to developments in the Mt. Hood Corridor have been ruled illegal due to improper notification.

About the change in the meeting date, Mike Clyburn, a planner with the Clackamas County Planning Division, said, "We will send a new notice."

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Clyburn said that he is upset with the recent notification problems. "When you have two errors in the same area and then think you have the problem corrected, only to have it occur again, you get ticked."

Work and change in family the theme of OSU conference

"Families, Work and Change" is the theme of the 1981 Home Economics fall conference at Oregon State University Oct 16 and 17 with Kensey Green, executive director of the American Home Economics Association, as the keynote speaker.

Green will deliver the annual Jessamine C. Williams lecture at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct 16, in the new OSU Conference Center. The talk, which is free and open to the public, will be preceded by a dinner in the Memorial Union.

The conference continues Saturday morning at 8:30 when home economics Dean Betty Hawthorne welcomes

participants in the Engineering Auditorium of the Conference Center.

During the morning, faculty members from the family life and family resource management departments will hold a dialogue on the impact of work outside the home on family members. This will be followed by a panel moderated by June Menton, family life department head, focusing on adjustments family members have made to various work situations.

After the panel, conference participants will share reactions and ideas in small discussion groups. Ideas from each group will

be shared during the concluding luncheon, scheduled for the Memorial Union.

Speaker at the luncheon, which is sponsored by the OSU Home Economics Alumni Organization, will be Mary Wendy Roberts, Oregon Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries. She will speak on "Women's Role in the Home and the Work Force."

The theme for the conference was chosen because of the belief that helping families adapt to changing work patterns is one of the major challenges of this decade, explained Elaine Carlson, assistant dean of home economics and chair of


the school's alumni relations committee.

"A major question we need to address," she said, "is how home economists can use their research and training in nutrition, consumer decision-making, child development, marriage communication and home environment as a force for contemporary working families."

Pre-registration by Oct. 12 is required for those wishing to attend the Friday dinner and Saturday luncheon. The dinner will cost \$6.75 and the luncheon, \$4.25. The \$4 registration fee for the conference may be paid in advance or at the conference.



Officers and trustees of the American Junior Simmental Association gathered recently for their official portrait. Several states were represented. Pattie Ten Eyck, of Sandy, is seated on the far left. She is the Western Region vice president.



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This program is free to the public and will be held in the Constitution Room at the Gresham Hospital at N. E. Fifth and Beech St. For more information call Patty Brost, R.N. at 661-9287

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