

District Attorney Doherty concerned about possible drug changes

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 psychosocial impairment including psychosis, interpersonal conflicts and physically aggressive behavior caused by the drug.

They also tested for psychomotor impairment including impaired judgement, impaired coordination, impaired alertness, impaired perception and the permanence of these impairments with the drug use.

The committee also tested for health impairment including tissue change, risk of overdose, dependency, severity of physical dependence, psychological dependence and ease in developing dependence both physically and psychologically.

In essence, they considered the drug only in its pure form to see how easily it could become addictive to a user and what kind of physical and mental problems the use of the drug would cause.

The committee did not consider if there is even a known medical use for the drug, whether a drug commonly leads to suicide or the fact that a drug in its purest form may not be harmful until it is adulterated on the street. Down-scheduling will make a drug more readily available for street use.

Downward classification will hinder law enforcement and is a remarkable departure from the federal standards, Doherty said in his critique of the Controlled Substances Act.

No medical value

Doherty said there is no proven medical value of heroin, LSD, peyote, mescaline and opium but if those drugs are re-classified from Schedule I to III, they could be in any pharmacy under the proposed new state law. Presently, Schedule I drugs are not in pharmacies but Schedule II and III drugs are but they are under lock and key.

He added that drug crimes and the severity of the penalties that go with them are determined by the drug.

schedule which is being changed so law enforcement will be hurt by the down-scheduling of the drugs.

Doherty also said it does not matter how much of a drug a person has. Whether it is one LSD pill or thousands of pills it

must be treated the same in law enforcement. That part of the law will encourage dealing drugs in large quantities. He also said the new law does not increase the penalty for repeat offenders.

Doherty commented that the Board of Pharmacy must

approve the Controlled Substances Committee's findings but they cannot make any changes. The board can only send it back to the committee if the board feels the committee did not show any evidence for its findings.

The Morrow County D.A. is also upset about the short amount of time the public had to comment on the committee's work.

"In light of the fact that it takes some time to mobilize public awareness, and since 152 separate drugs are in-

cluded, this deadline, (Oct. 31) seems totally unreasonable," Doherty said in his letter to Governor Atiyeh.

Doherty said the short amount of time and lack of public input is why "There are so many damn bad laws. The deck was stacked and I don't

like it.

"I have spent a lot of time examining the problem but because of the short notice, I felt it was urgent," Doherty said.

Editor's Note: In next week's Gazette-Times, Glenda Anderson, a member of the Con-

trolled Substances Committee, will tell how the committee reached its decisions and give their side of the problem.

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The hearing will be held at 5:30 p.m., November 15, 1979 at the Heppner City Hall. Any person objecting to the above vacation may send written objections to the City Hall prior to the hearing.

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NOTICE OF WATER RIGHT TRANSFER APPLICATION NO. 4301

The Water Resources Director of Oregon has received and filed an application by John B. Correa for approval, without loss of priority, of an additional point of diversion under a certain water right.

The affected water right is a portion of the right described by the certificate recorded at page 48569, Volume 42, State Record of Water Right Certificates, in the name of John B. Correa, and is for the use on not to exceed 1.74 cubic feet per second from Butler Creek, under a priority date of 1877, for irrigation of a certain 4.0 ac in SW 1/4, NW 1/4, 22.0 ac in NW 1/4 SW 1/4, 16.0 ac in SW 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec 14, 9.0 ac in SW 1/4 NE 1/4, 34.0 ac in SE 1/4 NE 1/4, 20.0 ac in NE 1/4 SE 1/4, & 0.3 ac in SE 1/4 SE 1/4, Sec 15, T 1N, R 27E, WM.

The authorized point of diversion is located 5.86 degrees 15' E, 3230 ft from WM.

The applicant proposes to establish an additional point of diversion at a point located 2790 ft N & 500 ft W from the SE Corner of Sec 15, being within the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 of Sec 15, T 1N, R 27E, WM.

Pursuant to ORS 540.520(2), a hearing is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 11, 1979, at the Morrow County Courthouse, Heppner, Oregon. Any objection to the proposed change must be prepared in writing, one copy to be served on the applicant at Rural Route, Echo, OR 97826, and one copy filed in the office of the Water Resources Director, Salem, OR 97310, together with a \$10 filing fee, at least 10 days prior to the date set for hearing. Rules for filing objections will be furnished upon request.

IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED, THE APPLICATION MAY BE APPROVED BY THE WATER RESOURCES DIRECTOR WITHOUT A HEARING.

Dated at Salem, Oregon this 9th day of October, 1979.

James E. Sexson, Director

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