

**OAR CHAPTER 333**  
**DIVISION 061**  
**PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS**

**333-061-0080 Role of Counties**

- (1) Counties may develop water service plans to encourage small water systems to consolidate where possible.
- (2) Prior to issuing building permits, the issuing agency must certify that the Department has approved construction and installation plans for water system developments proposed after August 21, 1981. They must additionally certify that the water system development plan does not violate the water service plans for the city or county where the building permit will be issued.
- (3) Counties or boundary commissions are authorized to approve the formation, dissolution, consolidation and expansion of water systems not owned by cities. In doing so, counties or boundary commissions should consider whether water service is extended in a logical fashion and whether water systems have a financial base sufficient for operation and maintenance.
- (4) The Department may delegate upon request any of its duties as set forth in these rules to counties. In doing so, the Department shall require assurances that the county shall:
  - (a) Employ sufficient qualified personnel to perform the duties involved;
  - (b) Perform the duties involved continuously for the duration of the delegation;
  - (c) Report periodically on the nature and status of the activities being performed.