

**HB 5006 State-Supported Regional Planning Work Group
Proposed Work Group Plan
May 3, 2022**

WORK GROUP CHARGE: The Work Group will explore and determine shared ideas or recommendations to support the development of a ‘framework and path for state-supported water planning and management at the water region and/or basin level’¹. Recognizing the unique characteristics, conditions, and needs of each region or basin, there are elements that should be consistent within water region or basin level planning and implementation efforts. The Work Group will:

Step 1) Determine what essential elements (see proposed list below) must be present for all water region or basin level planning efforts to support effective water management.

Step 2) Determine where further definition or structure is needed, where gaps exist, or if enhancements are needed to support shared ownership in securing a water future for all.

Some example questions include:

- What conditions for engagement, decision-making and accountability are needed within water region or basin planning groups?
- What is needed to ensure planning groups are ready and able to sustain a planning effort through the development of plans and implementation of projects?
- What is needed for effective plans to be implemented?
- What is the appropriate state role to help with planning and implementation? (e.g. capacity support, funding, technical assistance, data, oversight, etc)

ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS: DRAFT May 3, 2022

Sources Cited: These ‘essential elements’ have been identified and are each reflected in all of the following resources: 100-Year Water Vision, IWRS, Place-Based Planning Guidelines and Evaluation, and Work Group input to date.

- ***Foundational Information***

- Baseline data, needs, and assets to do effective water planning

- ***Scope and Sideboards***

- Guide rails for a focused and compliant planning effort

- ***Planning Coordination and Capacity***

- Planning forum creation and maintenance

- ***Engaged and Informed Community***

- Inclusive engagement and education to support shared ownership for a secure water future

- ***Clear decision-making framework***

- Approach and method for planning forum and decision-making

- ***Upholding the public value of water***

- Recognize water as a public resource with multiple needs and uses

- ***Integration***

- Address various water needs/interests (in-and out-of stream, quantity/quality), and the suite of state and federal tools and resources

- ***Accountability***

- Contributing to outcomes/implementability

2022 TIMELINE/WORK PLAN (subject to refinement)

May 3

- Learning from Water Futures Project and Tribal Perspectives
- Review and confirm ‘essential elements’ for water region or basin level planning
- Begin work on further clarifying and defining ‘essential elements’ and state supports
 - i.e. roles/responsibilities of water region or basin planning and state role/responsibility
 - Set-up supplemental learning opportunities to hear about other states’ approaches and lessons, as well as more on-the-ground experiences with planning

June 7 (in-person meeting in Bend)

- Deeper dive into ‘essential elements’ and shared ownership between regional planning groups and the state
- Potential to establish ‘Task Groups’ to work on definition and ideas
- Optional field tour and/or dinner

July 5

- Review work of Task Groups, continue to develop ideas

August 2

- Review work of Task Groups, continue to develop ideas, and identify potential pathways for recommendations

September 6 (tentative in-person meeting)

- Review, refine, determine any consensus ideas or recommendations

October 4

- Review, refine, determine consensus ideas or recommendations and intended pathway for ideas
- Recommendations drafting and editing

November 1

- Finalize and complete documentation of consensus recommendations and, as needed, minority reports. Submit to appropriate forum (e.g. Legislature, Agency Commission, other)
- Draft, review Oregon Consensus process report (documentation of the full process including ‘findings’, summary note discussions, etc.)

December 6 (tentative in-person meeting)

- Close out meeting - wrap up, celebrations, next steps, closing thoughts