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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Water Resources Commission

**FROM:** Thomas M. Byler, Director

**SUBJECT:** Agenda Item D, June 16, 2022  
Water Resources Commission

### **Update on Project Implementation**

#### **I. Introduction**

Staff will update the Commission on Department efforts to implement work associated with the 2021-2023 budget and legislation. This report is for informational purposes.

#### **II. Background**

Recognizing the importance of water to support communities, the economy, and the environment, the Oregon Legislature took significant action related to water resources in 2021. In its long session, the Legislature invested about \$538 million in water-related issues across several state agencies and programs. The investments included funding specific water projects, authorizing a number of work groups, studies, and assessments, supporting, and enhancing existing programs, and establishing new programs. The Legislature made additional water investments during the second Special Session in December 2021.

The Department received a portion of this legislative action, resulting in many new positions and over 40 significant new tasks and responsibilities for the agency to carry out in addition to its existing workload.

Staff will report on 2021-2023 budget and legislation implementation progress to date and expected future activities.

#### **Attachments:**

1. OWRD Select Projects Tracking List

Project	Description	Category	Type	Stage	Status	Completed	In Progress	Next Steps	Issues / Risks	Link
<b>System LifeCycle Replacement</b>	Continued replacement of staff computer equipment based on age and special need.	Administration	Information Technology	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	Ongoing project.		Continue to replace equipment based on criteria established by the IS Manager.		
<b>M365 Implementation</b>	Agency Implementation, Training and Adoption of M365 Services (Microsoft Cloud).	Administration	Information Technology	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	Rollout of M365 solution(s) complete but there is a lot of work remaining with regard to training, adoption and workflow modification.		Continued work supporting business units and field offices in the adoption of these cloud services, replacing legacy services like file servers.	Ongoing coordination with EIS on new feature rollouts and infrastructure changes supporting M365	
<b>Mobile Device Management Implementation</b>	Procurement and rollout of mobile device management solution to securely manage phones and tablets.	Administration	Information Technology	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	Prototype of new system rolled out to early adopters. Agency rollout to happen through device lifecycle replacement over the next 18 months.	Lifecycle replacement continues and we continue MDM rollout through this process with low impact to staff.	Continue to replace phones, enrolling new devices in the MDM solution.	50% complete	
<b>Ticketing System Replacement</b>	Agency ticketing system is being aged out and must be replaced.	Administration	Information Technology	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	Procurement	50% complete	Coordinate installation with Vendor	Will compete for Network/Helpdesk resources. Risk of helpdesk interruptions during cutover.	
<b>Work From Anywhere Modernization</b>	Continued work in support of adapting to "Work from anywhere".	Administration	Information Technology	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	Significant rollout of laptops. Updating conference rooms to better support hybrid meetings. Updating commission meeting equipment to better support remote and hybrid meetings.	70%	Continued migration to Laptops and analysis of remote desktop solutions to replace the many desktop computers being left running for high bandwidth systems like ArcGIS. Continued work with planning by exec team, reopening team and workplace reimagined.	Onboarding of new IS staff and resource constraints continue to pose challenges.	

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<b>Data Center Migration</b>	Continued migration of WRD computer infrastructure to the DAS Data Center.	Administration	Information Technology	In Progress	Behind	In Flight, 90% complete	Working on remaining server infrastructure needing to be migrated to state data center.	ArcGIS, Trialworks and remaining file server migration.	Other deliverables and technical obstacles has slowed this effort down. This work must be balanced on limited technical staffing resources to allow for parallel work on projects in this spreadsheet and labor required for pandemic response.	
<b>Field Office Network Upgrades</b>	Continued work to bring all field offices onto high speed internet and state networks.	Administration	Information Technology	In Progress	Behind	Medford, Bend, Klamath Falls and Pendleton complete.	Held coordination meeting between DAS, Douglas County and WRD.	Configure network appliance for douglas county office. Procure Office Internet for Eugene Office.	Work continues very slowly due to resource constraints. Competing work is taking priority.	
<b>Work Reimagined</b>	Determination of Department processes associated with hybrid work (i.e., position eligibility), including alignment with DAS policies and guidance.	Administration	Modern Workforce	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	-Work type determinations in process - should be completed by May 15th	Scoping workplace rearrangement workplan  Prepping communications with AMG and staff around space needs in Salem	Finalize workplace rearrangement workplan with ACT/Sponsor  Finalize worktype determinations for positions (HR)	Rearranging the building space is expensive.  Determine leadership goals/interests for space rearrangement.	
<b>Management Training</b>	Training provided at AMG meetings to enhance management skills.	Administration	Modern Workforce	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	•45 minute sessions have begun. •Will continue with recruitment and onboarding theme until completed.	Topics have been focused on recruitment processes in Workday.	Continued focus on recruitment and Workday processes in preparation for Workday Payroll and Time Tracking.	Focus is on recruitment processes and highest priority "must do's".	
<b>SB 5561 Cannabis Package (special session)</b>	Funds 29 FTE with support enforcement activities	Administration	Modern Workforce	Recruiting	Meeting Expectations	3 of 6 SWR AWMs have been hired - doing reference checks for 3 more candidates. 3 of 5 NWR AWMs has been hired and the 2 remaining are awaiting offer letters but have verbally accepted.	Recruiting continues in all 5 regions; 1 FSD admin position filled, one recruitment for 2nd admin position ongoing. Policy coordinator position is open for recruitment.	Interviews completed for Enforcement Section (ES) manager; staff to follow.	Discussion for repurposing OpenET funds is ongoing; letter sent to E Board discussing options. Item did not get accepted for Eboard consideration. WRD assessing next steps.	

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<b>Develop Training and Safety Program</b>	Complete initial assessment of WRD's safety policies and practices.	Administration	Modern Workforce	On Hold	On Hold	Hired HR position with Safety responsibilities.	Attendance at Safety Committee meetings. Training and onboarding.		Current focus of HR is on recruitments.	
<b>Recruitments</b>	38 new positions from 2021 Legislative Session plus vacancies	Administration	Modern Workforce	In Progress	Concerned	As of May, twenty three of the thirty eight new positions have been filled.	Seven recruitments are in process.	The remaining eight are either in position description drafting stage or have not yet been started.	Job market. Some positions experiencing fewer applicants than in previous recruitments. Managers have several positions to fill and train in short period of time.	
<b>Records Management</b>	Implement records management and retention updates and best practices	Administration	Records	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	Position filled with a start date of 4/18/22.	Training and onboarding of new Records Officer	Records inventory. Special Schedule update. Training.	Large project that impacts many sections.	
<b>Willamette Basin Reallocation</b>	Implement the Willamette Reservoir Reallocation.	Basin Support	Basin Support	Scoping	Meeting Expectations	Position filled on 3/1/2022	Onboarding new staff	Conduct internal meetings, stakeholder interviews, and an assessment to develop a basin workplan		
<b>Walla Walla Long-Term Planning</b>	Work with the State of Washington, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and local interests on long-term management in Walla Walla Basin	Basin Support	Basin Support	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings with CTUIR and Ecology.</li> <li>• Strategic plan complete</li> <li>• New advisory committee established</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement Phase II of the SP</li> <li>• Select bi-state flow study preferred alternative(s)</li> <li>• Work on bi-state management issues with Ecology</li> </ul>	Multi-year project, currently scoping into the 25-27 biennium	
<b>Deschutes and Complex Basins</b>	Funds a communications and policy development work on complex basin water issues, including the Deschutes Basin	Basin Support	Basin Support	Recruiting	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Received request from Deschutes Water Collaborative with recommendations on how to spend \$200K</li> <li>• conducted recruitment for Basin Coordinator position</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Have accepted offer for Basin Coordinator position (6/10 start date)</li> <li>-reviewing request for use of \$200K contracted services funds</li> </ul>	-onboard Basin Coordinator		
<b>Harney Conservation Reserve Program</b>	State and federal funds to enroll GW users in voluntary program to cancel GW irrigation rights & replace irrigated ground w/native grasses	Basin Support	Cost Share	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CREP position begins in Bend August 2022</li> <li>• CREP proposal has been reviewed by USDA legal counsel 5/25/22</li> </ul>	OWRD final review in progress	Review by OWRD legal counsel		

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<b>Develop Communications Program</b>	Develop communications program and increase preparedness for emergencies	Communications	Resiliency	<b>Recruiting</b>	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Drafted communications gaps and needs survey for staff</li> <li>•Finished PAS 1 recruitment</li> <li>•Procuring GovDelivery for listservs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Assessing communications activities and needs</li> <li>•Issue survey to staff</li> <li>•Onboarding new position once starts at end of June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Develop communications plan and prioritize communications projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Drought, cannabis legislation communications, other issues, and increased media inquiries divert staff time from formation of communications program</li> </ul>	
<b>Develop and Implement Plan for Spending the \$5 million for dam safety flood, analysis, and assessments</b>	\$5 million - (\$1 million general funds and \$4 million ARPA funds) to contract for professional engineering services to perform flood methodology, inundation assessments, and engineering analyses for dams.	Dam Safety	Contract	<b>In Progress</b>	Meeting Expectations	16 contracts awarded for \$896k out of \$1M GF.	3 RFPs under development for remaining \$1M GF. 4 RFPs drafted and 8 RFPs under development for \$3.07M out of \$4M ARPA funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Get the last 3 contracts for the \$1M GF out to bid</li> <li>• Finalize 12 contracts for \$3.07M in ARPA funds</li> <li>• Develop contracts for the remaining ARPA funds</li> </ul>	working with DAS on an efficient process to get all our contracts through the RFP process as quickly as possible. Can't post RFPs for any other contracts until this process is in place. Should be in place by August 2022	
<b>Big Creek Dams grant</b>	Provides \$14 million in the Water Supply Fund for a grant	Dam Safety	Direct Grant	<b>In Progress</b>	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Requested project details for a grant agreement from recipient</li> <li>•Received project information in late December, reviewed and requested clarification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Waiting for confirmation of project details in order to develop grant agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Develop and execute grant agreement</li> <li>•Manage grant</li> </ul>	Lottery Bond Sale May 2022 / 2023	
<b>Wallowa Lake Dam Grant</b>	Provides \$14 million in Water Supply Fund	Dam Safety	Direct Grant	<b>In Progress</b>	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Received project information on 1/4/22 from recipient and requested clarification, received revised information on 3/7/22</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Developing grant agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Execute grant agreement</li> <li>•Manage grant</li> </ul>	Lottery Bond Sale May 2022	
<b>Water Measurement Cost Share Program and Spending Plan</b>	Develop spending plan; approach for administering; update materials \$1M ARPA funds plus ~\$100k GF	Field	Grant Program	<b>On Hold</b>	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Decided to move management of fund from ASD to PCI</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Determine ARPA requirements for funding</li> <li>•Develop charter</li> </ul>	Awaiting information on use of ARPA funds	

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<b>2022 Cannabis and Enforcement Legislation</b>	Implementing HB 4061 relating to cannabis water use and water enforcement	Field	Implement Law	Recruiting	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase I. Communication materials finalized and distributed; letters and emails sent to spread word</li> <li>Conducted field staff training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue Phase 1: Raise awareness of bill</li> <li>Hire and train policy/communications staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guidance and rulemaking needed</li> <li>Implementing in phases (awareness, documentation, civil penalties, criminal penalties).</li> </ul>	Cannabis policy and communications staff not yet hired. Pulling resources from progress on other projects.	
<b>Public Complaint Form</b>	A central public complaint web form used to reduce lengthy calls to field offices.	Field	Information Technology	On Hold	Concerned	A prototype was created after the Jackson County Complaint Form. Input provided from regional managers.	Feedback being incorporated into a 1.0 release.	Further enhancements being queued up for a 2.0 release at a later date.	This work remains on hold to finalize until decisions are made around SB 5561	
<b>SB 5561 Cannabis Package (special session) IT Project</b>	Field and Enforcement Database Upgrade	Field	Information Technology	Not Started	Concerned			Fill vacant developer positions. Brad to produce contract dollar spend estimates and statement of work.	Recruitment is a significant risk in a tight labor market.	
<b>Statewide ET Project</b>	Develop field-scale estimates of consumptive use irrigated agricultural lands, along with estimates of evaporation from reservoirs, for the period 1984-2020 using remotely sensed ET data through OpenET.	Groundwater Surface water	Data	In Progress	Behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRS 4 ET/Water Use Coordinator filled - Dr. Jordan Beamer</li> <li>NRS 3 ET/Water Use position filled - Mellony Hoskinson</li> <li>Project charter and scope of work developed</li> <li>Project proposals submitted by contractors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DRI contract in review</li> <li>Prepping RFP for OpenET scope of work</li> <li>Meeting with Oregon Climate Office and other state and federal agencies to develop Agrimet network expansion prospectus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sign contracts with DRI</li> <li>Develop workplan and communication plan</li> <li>Work with Oregon Climate Office, BOR Agrimet, WRD staff, other technical experts, and external stakeholders on identifying locations for new weather stations</li> </ul>	<p>After exploring multiple options for contracting with OpenET, determined we need to run an RFP process - slowing OpenET component of work down further</p> <p>Would like to spend ARPA dollars on Agrimet stations, working with fiscal on whether ARPA dollars can be used for Federal contracts</p>	
<b>Basin Water Budgets &amp; GW Recharge for Major Basins in OR</b>	Contract w/USGS to do the work; WRD staff support w/data & analyses; HB 2018 and POP 110	Groundwater Surface water	Data	In Progress	Concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>USGS developed a second draft detailed scope of work for contracting. Awaiting OWRD review.</li> </ul>	OWRD to review the second (perhaps final) draft.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize contract and execute Statement of Work</li> </ul>	USGS staff also occupied with Harney and WW work. Multi-year project, currently scoping into the 25-27 biennium	

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<b>Expand Obs Well Network</b>	HB 2018 and associated POPS	Groundwater Surface water	Data	In Progress	Concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify drilling locations and discussing access agreements with land owners for several initial obs well sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Work with DAS to develop the ability for WRD to contract directly with drillers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize contracting approach</li> <li>Then iterate for each site:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize site access</li> <li>Archeological consultation with Tribes and SHPO</li> <li>Draft technical specs and solicit bids</li> <li>Schedule and conduct installation of wells, instrument wells and add to state obs network and GWIS.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Long process to finalize contracting approach with DAS.</p> <p>Drillers booked out over a year in some areas - may encounter difficulty installing wells before the end of the biennium.</p>	
<b>Develop plan and implement/purchase of data collection equipment</b>	\$3 million for surface water and ground water data collection equipment	Groundwater Surface water	Data	In Progress	Behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funds released to agency, PCAs set up, kickoff meeting held.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not started; developing contracts for drilling, equipment purchases, and internal discussions on priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue finalizing contracting issues</li> <li>Develop a plan to be shared with the Commission</li> </ul>		
<b>Walla Walla Basin Study</b>	Basin study w/USGS	Groundwater Surface water	Data	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope and contract in place with USGS and WA Ecology; data collection in progress</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data collection and analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hire basin outreach staff, free up Jen and Joe to focus on data analysis, add new NRS-3 to the study.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need drilling contract for observation wells;</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Webpage Link</a>
<b>Klamath SWMPA or CGWA</b>	Potential to declare a Serious Water Management Problem Area (SWMPA) or Critical Groundwater Area in Klamath (CGWA)	Groundwater Surface water	Rulemaking	Not Started	On Hold		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Not started due to other workload priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess resources and other priorities to determine if we have sufficient resources to proceed on Klamath SWMPA or CGWA work</li> </ul>	<p>Limited staff capacity: current focus is on completing Div 10 rulemaking; conduct Harney SWMPA- CGWA rulemaking after Div 10.</p>	<a href="#">Rule Webpage</a>
<b>Groundwater Allocation Policy</b>	Modernized groundwater allocation policy that is more sustainable and protective of senior water right holders	Groundwater Surface water	Rulemaking	In Progress	Meeting Expectations		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal meetings to prepare for rulemaking process</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brief WRC at June meeting</li> </ul>		

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<b>Division 10 Rulemaking</b>	CGWA Process	Groundwater Surface water	Rulemaking	Recruiting	On Hold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Held public information meeting and first RAC meeting;</li> <li>•Scoping of public participation opportunities</li> <li>•Draft of rules developed</li> <li>•Invitations to Rules Advisory Committee</li> </ul>	Reevaluating rulemaking scope, timelines, and RAC membership/process based on feedback  Conducting interviews for policy position to lead the work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Finalize public participation approach and develop materials for meetings; finalize scope, RAC participation, and timelines</li> <li>•Finalize RAC meeting dates</li> <li>•Hold RAC meetings, and forums for interested parties to comment</li> </ul>	Limited staff capacity for carrying forward rulemakings. Rules Coordinator left agency and will need to recruit. Progress will be slowed.	<a href="#">Rule</a> <a href="#">Webpage</a>
<b>Harney Groundwater Rulemaking</b>	Review existing rules; Develop CGWA/SWMPA rules; convene RAC	Groundwater Surface water	Rulemaking	Not Started	On Hold		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Developing communications on GW Study</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Scoping the rulemaking process</li> </ul>	Limited staff capacity.	<a href="#">Rule</a> <a href="#">Webpage</a>
<b>Division 54 Rulemaking</b>	Hydro conversions to ISWR	Hydroelectric	Rulemaking	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Permanent rules drafted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Scheduled for June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Complete permanent rulemaking process</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Rule</a> <a href="#">Webpage</a>
<b>Tribes-State Agencies Task Force</b>	\$500,00 for indigenous energy resiliency to addressing Indigenous treaty water rights, water scarcity, hydropower, and ecosystem services.	Other Projects	Racial Justice	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•See also Racial Justice Equitable Water Access</li> <li>•Organizational meetings to discuss the formation of the workgroup</li> <li>•Hired faciliator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Workgroup meetings scheduled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Hold workgroup meetings -- First meeting June 21</li> </ul>	Initial organization of task force took more time than expected due to challenges of coordinating with many entities.	
<b>Racial Justice - Equitable Water Access</b>	Provides \$1 million for equitable water access and to explore water needs of Black, Indigenous, Tribal, rural and communities of color.	Other Projects	Racial Justice	Recruiting	Behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Draft of position description started</li> <li>•Met with interested members of the Racial Justice Council Environmental Equity Subgroup and Oregon Water Futures partners to help inform the work in early February 2022</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Finish DEIJ position description and complete recruitment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Assess next steps based on information and discussion with partners and potential partners</li> </ul>	Progress has been slow due to other workloads; do not have capacity to work on all projects at once.	



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<b>Business case assessment</b>	\$350,000 General Fund was approved on a one-time basis to contract for a business case assessment to examine the economic value of water and the impact of water investment.	Other Projects	Report	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Outreach/survey to stakeholders for input on the Request for Proposals</li> <li>•Incorporating feedback from Stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Finalize Request for Proposal</li> </ul>		Funded by General Fund - must be complete by 6/30/2023. Staffing capacity limited. Budget and Legislative Development have taken priority.	
<b>IWRS Update</b>	Update of the Integrated Water Resources Strategy -	Other Projects	Report	Scoping	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Met with Oregon Consensus</li> <li>•Project planning/scoping started</li> <li>•Completed recruitment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•LD position starts in mid-June; Onboard and Train</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Modify project scope to reflect new timeframes and continue to refine project scope</li> <li>•Begin work on a progress/implementation update</li> </ul>	Meeting expectations based on update to be completed in the last half of 2023 or first half of 2024; timeframes to be determined. Staffing capacity limiting progress.	
<b>Drought Vulnerability Assessment (special session)</b>	\$300,000 General Fund to contract for a statewide drought vulnerability assessment for both instream and out-of-stream needs	Other Projects	Report	Not Started	Concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Not started</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Assign staff and scope project</li> </ul>	Progress has been slow due to other workloads; do not have capacity to work on all projects at once.	
<b>Workgroup on Fee Based Programs</b>	Stakeholder engagement to develop more sustainable, long-term funding mechanisms to support fee programs	Other Projects	Workgroup	Scoping	Concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Initial scoping started; likely delay work until after 2022 session / and LC/budget deadlines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Scope project / identify facilitator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Develop informational materials</li> <li>•Identify participants</li> </ul>	WRD received notice in March that ARPA funds could be used for this purpose. Progress has been slow due to other workloads (2021 2nd Special Session and 2022 HB 4061), 2023 Budget and legislative deadlines, and lack of staff capacity.	
<b>Place Based Planning Funding</b>	\$1 million to support place-based planning efforts - spending plan	Planning	Grant Program	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Asked planning groups for information about their funding needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting fund requests</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Allocate funds amongst planning groups - request additional details about projects to enter into grant agreements</li> </ul>	Awaiting information on ARPA funding	

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<b>2023 Legislation Development - Place Based Planning</b>	Propose legislation for funding planning. Place-based planning funding authority sunsets 2023.	Planning	Legislation	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with planning convenors; held interested party 2023 LC/Budget meetings</li> <li>LC Draft and other materials developed</li> <li>May 10 workshop specific to planning held for interested parties</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of workshop feedback and LC revisions</li> <li>Submit draft LC language by June 3 to DAS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue discussions with stakeholders to refine LC language</li> </ul>	Authority sunsets and filing deadlines are nearing; coordination with the work of the regional water planning and management workgroup.	
<b>Regional Water Planning Workgroup</b>	Engage Oregon Consensus to convene a workgroup to consider and develop a framework for state-supported regional water planning and management	Planning	Workgroup	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work group was formed in January, held it's first meeting on 1/31 and has met monthly since then on 3/8, 4/5, &amp; 5/3.</li> <li>Support position hired on 2/7/22</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting monthly in accordance with work group operating protocols</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue meeting</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Workgroup Webpage</a>
<b>Nesika Beach Grant</b>	\$250,000 General Fund SB 5006	Water Projects	Direct Grant	In Progress	Behind	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identified point of contact for recipient</li> <li>Met with recipient - requested project information to develop grant agreement</li> </ul>	Awaiting project details	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain and review project information</li> <li>Develop and execute grant agreement</li> <li>Manage grant</li> </ul>	Grantees still determining scope of work to be completed. General fund dollars requires that work be complete by June 30, 2023.	
<b>Fish passage for dam upgrade projects grants</b>	Provides \$500,000 in ARPA Funds to assist local governments with meeting fish passage requirements for dam upgrade projects	Water Projects	Direct Grant	Scoping	Concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Made initial contact with ODFW</li> <li>Proposed two options for approach to DAS</li> <li>Received confirmation from DAS on approach</li> <li>Identified potential projects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Setting up processes to comply with federal funding requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>verify approach for selected projects and identify dams to receive funds</li> </ul>	WRD received notice in Feb/March that ARPA funds could be used for this purpose.	
<b>Columbia River - Umatilla Solutions task force grant and Participate in CRUST</b>	\$500,000 in General Fund - Grant to Umatilla county to implement agreements of the Columbia River - Umatilla Solutions task force	Water Projects	Direct Grant	In Progress	Concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with recipient</li> <li>Gathered information from DAS and DOJ on how to responsibly issue funds upfront</li> <li>Sent form to gather information needed for grant agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waiting for grantee to provide project details for grant agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review information (once submitted) and incorporate into an inter-governmental agreement or grant agreement</li> </ul>	Funded by General Fund - must be complete by 6/30/2023. Multi-year project, not feasible to complete in that timeframe due to nature of project - will need funding carry over.	

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<b>Deschutes Basin Board of Control piping Project Grant</b>	\$10 million in the Water Supply Development Account SB 5006 / SB 5534	Water Projects	Direct Grant	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	Grant Agreement became effective 2/7/2022 and DBBC is getting ready to submit requests for fund reimbursement on project work completed to date	•Manage grant	•Manage grant	Lottery Bond Sale May 2022	
<b>Ordinance regional water infrastructure project.</b>	\$6 million in ARPA Funds for a grant to Umatilla County for the Ordinance Project.	Water Projects	Direct Grant	Scoping	Meeting Expectations	•Met with recipient to get general understanding or project timeline and share what limited information is known about ARPA funding requirements	-Setting up processes to comply with federal funding requirements	•Work with recipient to develop a grant agreement after we understand what the federal government may require that would need to be incorporated into the grant agreement •Execute grant agreement •Manage grant	Awaiting information on ARPA funding	
<b>HB 3293 - Water Project Community Engagement</b>	Make support available to local organizations and local governments for purpose of developing local community engagement plans for water projects.	Water Projects	Grant Program	On Hold	On Hold	•Water Core Team identified agency representatives for work •Hired grant analyst on 12/13	On Hold	•Develop plan for coordinated rulemaking with affected agencies •Draft charter	On hold due to other workloads; do not have capacity to work on all projects at once.	
<b>Water Right Transactions Backlog Reduction</b>	Hire staff to reduce WRSD backlogs; Portion of \$3 million	Water Rights	Backlog Reduction	In Progress	Behind	•Started drafting job postings	•Developing job postings	•Complete job postings and announce recruitment •Review job applications •Hold interviews •Hire and train new staff	WRD notified in March that ARPA funds could be used for this purpose.	

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<b>Protest Backlog Reduction</b>	\$2.2 million / limited-duration positions to facilitate the referral and completion of administrative hearings or other procedures to alleviate the backlog.	Water Rights	Backlog Reduction	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•30 protested applications referred to Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH); 11 cases withdrawn or settled</li> <li>•Trained Hearing Officers in WRD's process in December</li> <li>•DOJ hired new attorney in February to support backlog reduction project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Remaining cases at OAH are transfers (1), permit extensions (2), groundwater (2), and instream (14) cases</li> <li>•1 remaining case led by staff; 18 led by DOJ with staff support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•DOJ onboarding new attorney</li> <li>•OAH to schedule conferences for remaining referred cases</li> <li>•OWRD continues to work on contested cases and evaluate potential settlement opportunities</li> </ul>	Given the length of the hearing process, significant changes to the number of remaining cases (versus settled or otherwise resolved cases) are anticipated over months rather than weeks.	
<b>HB 3103 Character of Use Changes</b>	Implement bill to allow change of Character of Use for which water is stored under a certificated storage right.	Water Rights	Implement Law	On Hold	On Hold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consistent with the direction of the Legislature in HB 3103, as of January 1, 2022, Transfer staff are accepting and processing Transfer Applications.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Hiring new policy staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address rule updates at a later date</li> </ul>	Low staff capacity for rulemaking. Rulemaking on hold due to other workloads; do not have capacity to work on all projects at once.	
<b>2023 Legislation Development - Split Season Leasing</b>	Split season leasing to Sunset January 2, 2024. Propose legislation.	Water Rights	Legislation	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Scheduled meetings with stakeholders and received internal feedback</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving stakeholder feedback on changes; evaluating proposals with staff</li> <li>• Submit draft LC language by June 3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue discussions with stakeholders to refine LC language</li> </ul>		
<b>Division 77 Rulemaking</b>	Rulemaking pertaining to instream transfers and leases	Water Rights	Rulemaking	On Hold	On Hold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Discussed whether to proceed with rulemaking with Water Resources Commission</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Currently on hold due to other rulemaking priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Per direction of the Commission, prep information to schedule another RAC meeting</li> </ul>	On hold due to other workloads; do not have capacity to work on all projects at once.	<a href="#">Rule Webpage</a>
<b>Division 340 Rulemaking</b>	Reclaimed water registrations	Water Rights	Rulemaking	On Hold	On Hold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•On Hold</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Revise draft rules / Form new RAC</li> </ul>	Staffing capacity.	<a href="#">Rule Webpage</a>

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<b>HB 3103 - Transfers of Stored Water Workgroup</b>	Work with stakeholders on a path forward for transfers of stored water (point of diversion and location and associated criteria)	Water Rights	Workgroup	Scoping	Concerned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Started scoping; likely some delay in work until after 2022 session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing draft workplan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify facilitator</li> <li>Scope project; work with facilitator to convene workgroup in 2022</li> </ul>	General fund dollars requires that work with facilitator be complete by June 30, 2023. Progress has been slow due to other workloads (2021 2nd Special Session and 2022 HB 4061), 2023 Budget and legislative deadlines, and lack of staff capacity.	
<b>HB 2145 - Set up Water Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund (HB 2145)</b>	Provides \$5.4 million to provide assistance to abandon wells and to repair or replace water wells used for household purposes.	Well Construction	Grant Program	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund is designed and prepared.</li> <li>Fund is nearing readiness to launch soon</li> <li>LD NRS 4 grant position - Recruitment efforts ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Translating materials for Spanish speakers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program launch in May 2022</li> </ul>	Staffing concerns. IS information security concerns to be resolved. Concerns about availability of well drillers.	
<b>Set up Harney Domestic Well Remediation Program</b>	\$500,000 for the Domestic Well Remediation Fund for replacing, repairing, or deepening domestic water wells affected by declining ground water level/ HB 3092	Well Construction	Grant Program	On Hold	On Hold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed draft charter</li> <li>Received charter approval on 12/2</li> <li>Updated charter on 1/7/22 to reflect need to pause project implementation due to priority focus on Water Well Abandonment Repair and Replacement Fund</li> </ul>	On hold	Reinitiate project	Capacity is limited and focused on standing up statewide Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund to address emergency issues associated with drought and wildfire.  General funds must be used by end of biennium	
<b>HB 2145 - Communications</b>	Communicate out law change to drilling community	Well Construction	Implement Law	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met w OGWA 5/2022 to discuss July 2022 technical well report reviews.</li> <li>Included article in April 2022 Well Said about July changes.</li> <li>5/22 - One page mailer about July changes sent to all licensed drillers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with OGWA regarding July 2022 changes.</li> <li>July Well Said will include article about July 2022 changes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspectors are communicating with drillers regarding upcoming changes.</li> <li>6/2022 meeting scheduled w OGWA about July 2022 changes.</li> </ul>		

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<b>HB 2145 - Technical Well Log Reviews - IS Project</b>	Ensure a system is in place for conducting Technical Well Log Reviews July 2022.	Well Construction	Implement Law	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Communication plan drafted.</li> <li>•Continuing to meet weekly with IS regarding July changes.</li> <li>•Weekly meetings between IS and WCC to finalize online well report review application.</li> <li>•WCC currently testing review application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ongoing meetings with IS to develop IT systems and validations.</li> <li>•Working on legislative and program reports.</li> <li>•Discussing July changes and expectations with staff.</li> <li>•WCC and select field staff currently testing well report review application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Continue communication plan implementation.</li> <li>•Continue work on program reports to meet DO needs.</li> <li>•Application to be released to field staff for final testing on June 9.</li> <li>•Work with IS on any final system changes noted during testing.</li> <li>•Scheduled to begin 100% well reviews on July 1</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ability of IS to resolve any unknown deficiencies in application in a timely manner once discovered and reported..</li> </ul>	<a href="#">Webpage Link</a>
<b>HB 2145 - Technical Well Log Reviews</b>	Train staff and develop procedures for 100% well log reviews by July 1, 2022	Well Construction	Implement Law	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•NRS2 Well Program Specialist transitioned to new role.</li> <li>•NW Region inspector hired.</li> <li>•SC Region well inspector hired.</li> <li>•Presented to OGWA regarding July 1, 2022 changes.</li> <li>•Met with OGWA 5/2022 to discuss technical well report reviews and communication regarding deficiencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•In process of hiring two new inspectors</li> <li>•Train staff on technical well report review application.</li> <li>•Application to be tested by field staff starting 6/9/2022.</li> <li>•On schedule to go live by 7/1/2022.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Communication plan being implemented.</li> <li>•Well Said article in April 2022 newsletter.</li> <li>•Developing deficiency tracking system w IS.</li> <li>•Implement the assignment of wells to each reviewer on a statewide basis.</li> <li>•Currently in testing phase of well report review application.</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Webpage Link</a>
<b>HB 2145 - Implement All other policy changes scheduled for July 2023/2024</b>	All other provisions of HB 2145; conduct rulemaking; Begin work in January 2022 to update rules/forms/etc to implement new law for July 1,2023.	Well Construction	Implement Law	In Progress	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•WCC has begun developing forms necessary for July 1, 2023 changes.</li> <li>•Discussions have begun with IS regarding changes to forms and databases that will need to take place.</li> <li>•Communication plan for 2023 changes has been implemented based on example from 1/2022 changes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•WCC meeting weekly with IS on upcoming July changes to develop process and applications needed to successfully implement requirements.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Draft charter of work submitted for July 2022 changes.</li> <li>•Preparing for July 2022 changes as we think ahead for July 2023/2024 changes.</li> </ul>		<a href="#">Webpage Link</a>

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<b>HB 2145 - Exempt Use Fund Transition / Start Card Fee Increase</b>	Transition exempt use map and fee to collection by driller by January 1, 2022. Roll out start card fee increase.	Well Construction	Implement Law	In Progress	On Hold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Changes for 1/1/2022 implemented. Tasks complete except as provided in next steps.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Rule changes have been developed.</li> <li>•Staff addressing issues as they come up and responding to customers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Continue solicitation for one new continuing education committee member. - Safety.</li> <li>•Hold RAC meeting to discuss changes to OAR 690-190, 690-225, 690-260.</li> <li>•Continue to monitor program for issues due to changeover.</li> </ul>	Rules will be adopted at a later date due to limited staff capacity. Working to hire new rules coordinator.	<a href="#">Webpage Link</a>
<b>HB 2145 - IS Project - Update Well Logs and Start Card Systems for 2023/2024</b>	Begin work in January 2022 to update well log system and start cards for new info by 2023; electronic submittal by 2024.	Well Construction	Information Technology	On Hold	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Wcc has provided information to IS on changes necessary to implement bill.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•On Hold</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Finalize scope and charter of work</li> <li>•These tasks will move forward as we wrap up the needed changes for July 1, 2022.</li> </ul>	Limited IS Resources	<a href="#">Webpage Link</a>
<b>HB 2145 - Report to Legislature</b>	Report to the legislature on well log reviews and inspections by January 31, 2023 and 2025.	Well Construction	Report	On Hold	Meeting Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Reporting requirements are being incorporated into new technical well log review information system.</li> <li>•Reports are being developed in coordination with system.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•On hold</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Scope out information for report and data that must be collected</li> <li>•Reports are being incorporated into well report review system based on discussions with DO.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Project development has begun. Reports are being developed and will be based on internal discussions with DO.</li> <li>•First report due January 31, 2023</li> </ul>	