

Water Right Services Division – Projection Implementation Update

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OWRD Commission Meeting
September 1, 2022

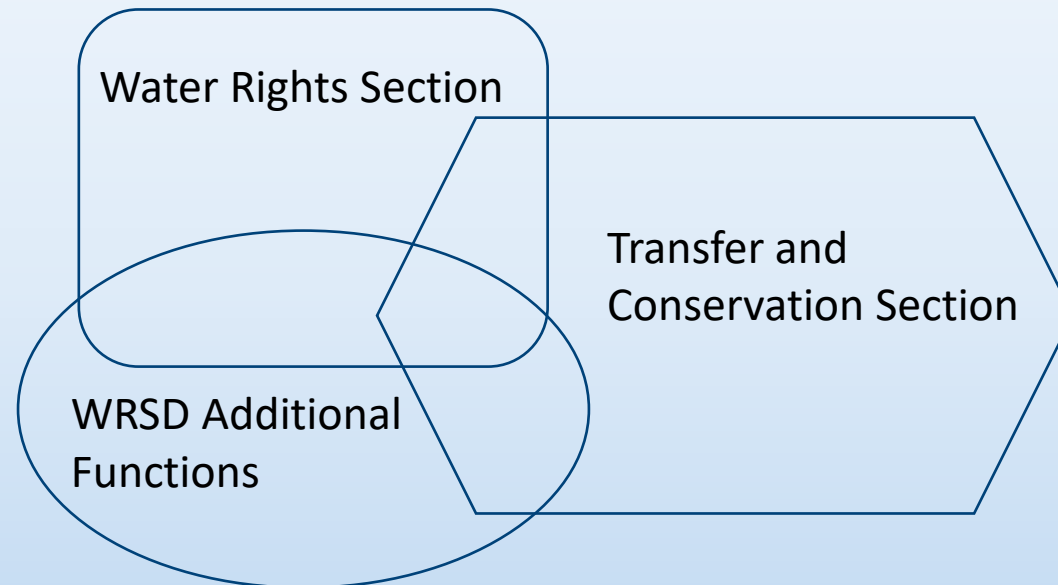
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Division Overview

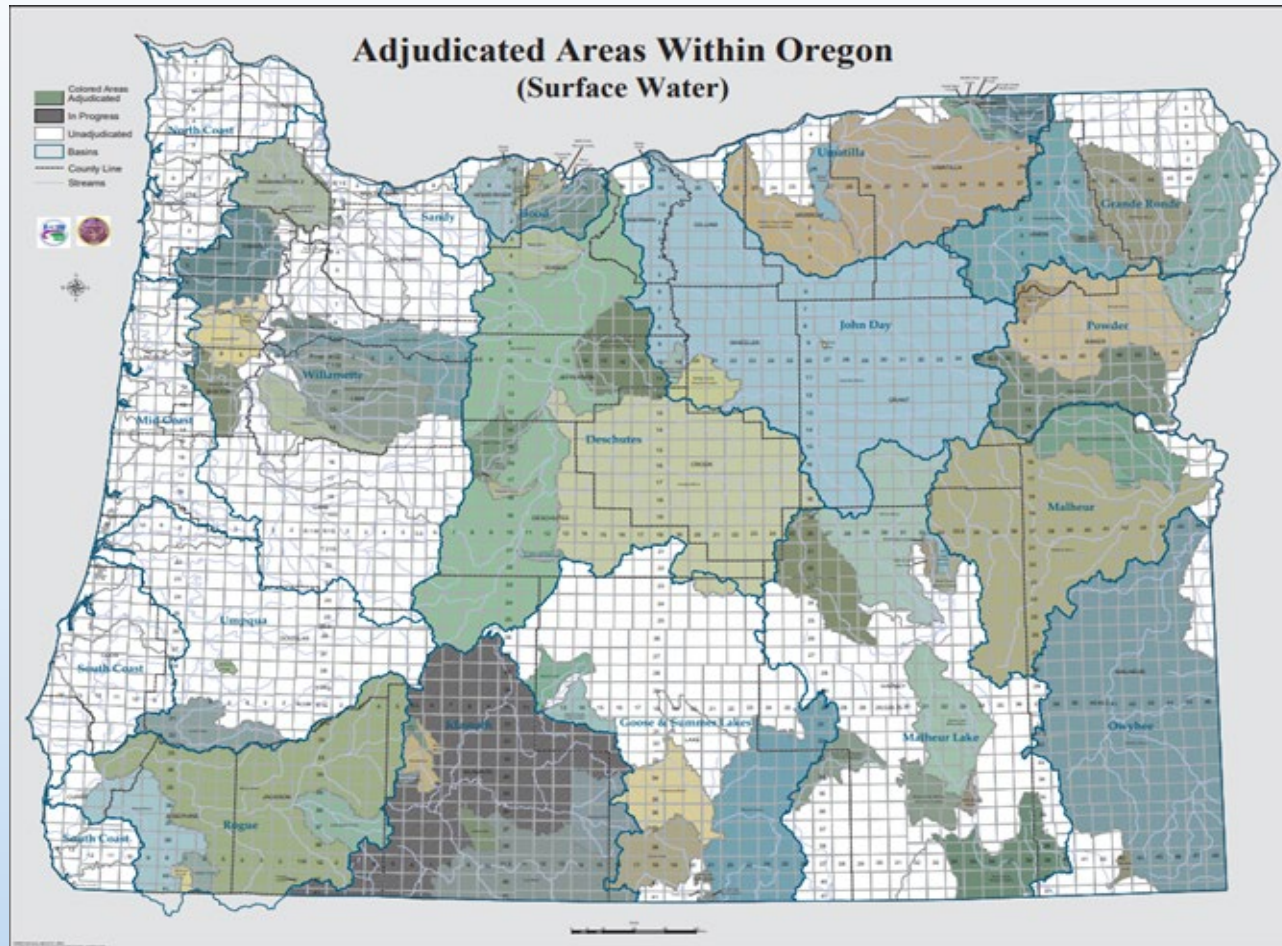
1. Water Rights Section
2. Transfer and Conservation Section
3. WRSD Additional Functions



Additional Functions – Priorities

- Certificates
- Hydroelectric
- Extensions of Time for Water Right Permits
- Protests

- Unable to start new adjudications



Challenges Across Division

- Recruitment Process
- Backlog Reduction Work

Water Rights Section

- Water Right Applications
- Other Water Use Requests
- Customer Service

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF WATER USE REQUESTS
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*This notice is also available on our web page at the following address:
http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_notice_view/?notice_id=21*

This publication lists agency activities requiring public notice. It also describes public comment processes and deadlines. Types of water use requests in this week's Public Notice include:

- **Permit Application Initial Reviews, Proposed Final Orders, and Final Orders**
Applications for permits to use, store, divert or pump surface water or groundwater. Includes applications by the state Departments of Fish & Wildlife, Environmental Quality or Parks and Recreation for water to be used and kept in-channel.
- **Expedited Secondary Applications to Use Stored Water**
Applications to use stored water exclusively, filed under a simplified review process.
- **Applications for Extensions of Time to Perfect Water Right Permits**
New applications received and proposed final orders regarding requests to extend time limits to fully develop water use projects and beneficially apply water.
- **Applications for Limited Licenses**
Requests to use water for 5 years or less. Licenses are subordinate to other rights and may be revoked if a use is found to injure other water right holders.
- **Application for Instream Lease**
Application by water right holder to lease existing water rights to instream use.
- **Transfer Applications: Regular**
Requests to change point of diversion or appropriation, place of use, or character of use upon which the public may comment. The changes may be proposed in an application for a transfer (including instream or historic POD), an exchange, or a substitution.

Water Rights Section – Priorities

Backlog Reduction

- 495 pending applications
- Federal funding for backlog reduction positions

Recruitment

- 3 – process improvement and backlog reduction
- 1 – customer service
- 1 – support staff (backfill)

- Transfers
- Streamflow Restoration
- Water Conservation
- Deschutes Basin
Groundwater
Mitigation Program



TACS Priorities

Backlog Reduction

- 326 pending Transfers
- Federal funding for backlog reduction positions

Recruitments

- 4 – process improvement and backlog reduction
- 1 – water conservation (backfill)
- 1 – streamflow restoration (backfill)
- 1 – support (backfill)

Transfers of Storage Workgroup

- HB 3103 (2021)

Legislative Concepts

- Transfers of Storage placeholder
- Split Season Leasing

TACS – Projects On Hold

- Rulemaking efforts
- Outreach and education (tools & guidance)



Questions?
Thank you!

