

Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) 2017-2022 Progress Report

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### **Strategy Goals**

- Understand our state's water resources
- Meet our state's water demands (instream, out-ofstream, and ecosystem)

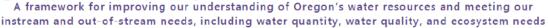
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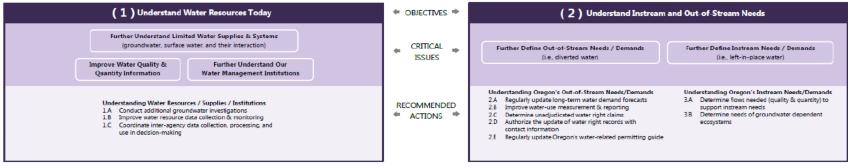


#### **IWRS** Framework

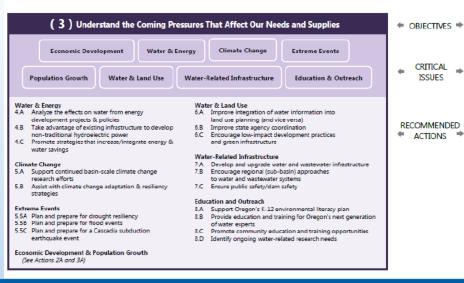
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CRITICAL ISSUES



(4) Meet Oregon's Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs Place-Based Efforts Water Management & Development Healthy Ecosystems Funding Place-Based Efforts Healthy Ecosystems Continue to undertake place-based integrated, 11.A Improve watershed health, resiliency, and capacity water resources planning for natural storage Coordinate implementation of existing 11.B Develop additional instream protections 11.C Prevent and eradicate invasive species natural resource plans Partner with federal agencies, tribes, and 11.D Protect and restore instream habitat and habitat access for fish and wildlife neighboring states in long-term water 11.E Develop additional groundwater protections resources management Water Management & Development Public Health 12.A Ensure the safety of Oregon's drinking water 10.A Improve water-use efficiency and water conservation 10.8 Improve access to built storage 12.B Reduce the use of and exposure to toxics and other pollutants 10.C Encourage additional water reuse projects 12.C Implement water quality pollution control plans 10.D Reach environmental outcomes with non-regulatory alternatives 10.E Continue the water resources development program 13.A Fund development and implementation of Oregon's IWRS 13.B Fund water resources management activities at state agencies Provide an adequate presence in the field 10.G Strengthen water quantity & water quality permitting 13.C Invest in local or regional water planning efforts 13.D Invest in feasibility studies for water resources projects 13.E. Invest in implementation of water resources projects



## Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS)

### Why do a Progress Report?

- Communicate success
- Understand gaps
- Foundational information for the next IWRS Update
  - IWRS last updated in 2017
  - Next update set for Commission adoption in early 2024

#### 2017-2022 Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy

#### **Progress Report**

Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS) provides a statewide inter-agency framework for better understanding and meeting Orregon's instream and out-of-stream water needs. Oregon's Water Resources Commission adopted the first IWRS in 2012 and the second in 2017. The 2017 MRS provides recommendations in 13 different issue areas. Each issue area includes multiple recommendations, resulting in more than 50 recommended actions.

Requirements for multi-agency involvement, document adoption, and update frequency are outlined in ORS 536.220. Although the Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) is the lead agency for developing and



updating the IWRS, they work in close cooperation with other agencies, stakeholders, and the public.

ORS 526.220 states that the IWRS is to be updated every five years. This Progress Report is intended to summarize progress made to date in achieving the recommended actions outlined in the 2017 IWRS and to help inform the next IWRS update currently underway.



Clean water restoration plans developed for 5,000 miles of impaired streams and 187,000 acres of impaired water hodies

\$19.4 million provided by ODA to farmers and ranchers for 2021 natural disaster assistance





65 Projects awarded funding by ODFW in 2022, supporting removal of 96 fish passage

Over 2,000 cannabis sites investigated for water use compliance (HB 5561)

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### Methodology

- Data collection fall of 2022
- Focus on Natural Resource Cabinet agencies
- Business Oregon & Oregon Health Authority
- Water Core Team
- Agency websites



#### **Interagency Accomplishments**

- Groundwater & surface water data collection
- Water Data Portal
- Drought planning & support
- Conservation & ecological restoration
- Place-Based Planning
- Pesticide Stewardship Partnership





#### **Findings - Success**

- 2021 Legislative funding supported many interagency accomplishments
- Only 2 of the 51 recommended actions had no accomplishments
- Strong connection between 2023-25 Agency Requested Budgets (POP's) and IWRS recommended actions





#### **Findings - Areas for Improvement**

- Funding to support water management responsibilities or water infrastructure
- Resources across agencies to support IWRS implementation
- Workplan development
- Tracking and communicating progress





#### Recommendations

- Establish the expectation and develop a timeline for agencies to create and update IWRS workplans
- Provide more ways to track & communicate agency roles and accomplishments
- Continue support for 2021
  Legislative water investments





### What's Next?

#### **IWRS Update Next Steps**

- Outreach and engagement for the IWRS update (additional detail from Oregon's Kitchen Table)
  - Community Connector Interviews
  - Survey (8 languages)
  - Culturally-specific events
  - 5-7 Regional Community Conversations in May & June
- Commission IWRS work session at June meeting
- Two public review & comment windows for Draft IWRS (fall 2023)
- Anticipate Commission adoption early 2024

## Questions?



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