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

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## Strategy Goals

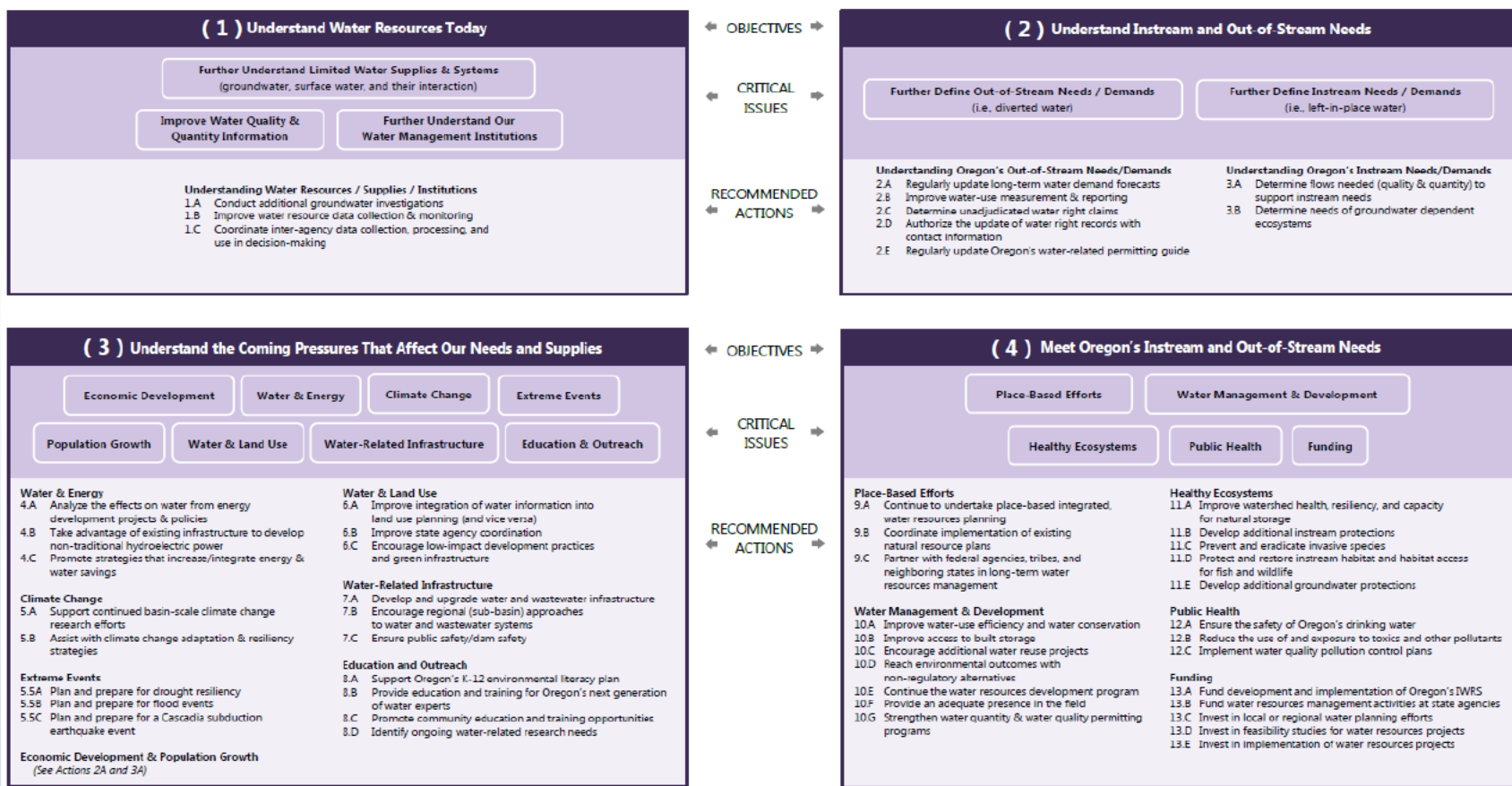
- Understand our state's water resources
- Meet our state's water demands (instream, out-of-stream, and ecosystem)

Oregon's **2017**  
Integrated Water Resources Strategy



## Oregon's 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy

A framework for improving our understanding of Oregon's water resources and meeting our instream and out-of-stream needs, including water quantity, water quality, and ecosystem needs



## Why do a Progress Report?

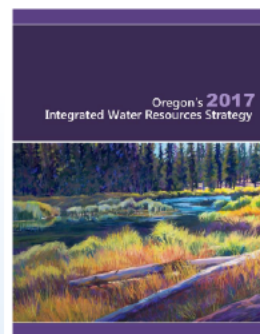
- Communicate success
- Understand gaps
- Foundational information for the next IWRS Update
  - IWRS last updated in 2017
  - Next update set for Commission adoption in early 2024

### 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 Oregon'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 IWRS 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



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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 bodies

\$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 barriers

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

## 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



## 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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