



State Supported Regional Water Planning and Management Workgroup

HB 5006 (2021)

Informational Report

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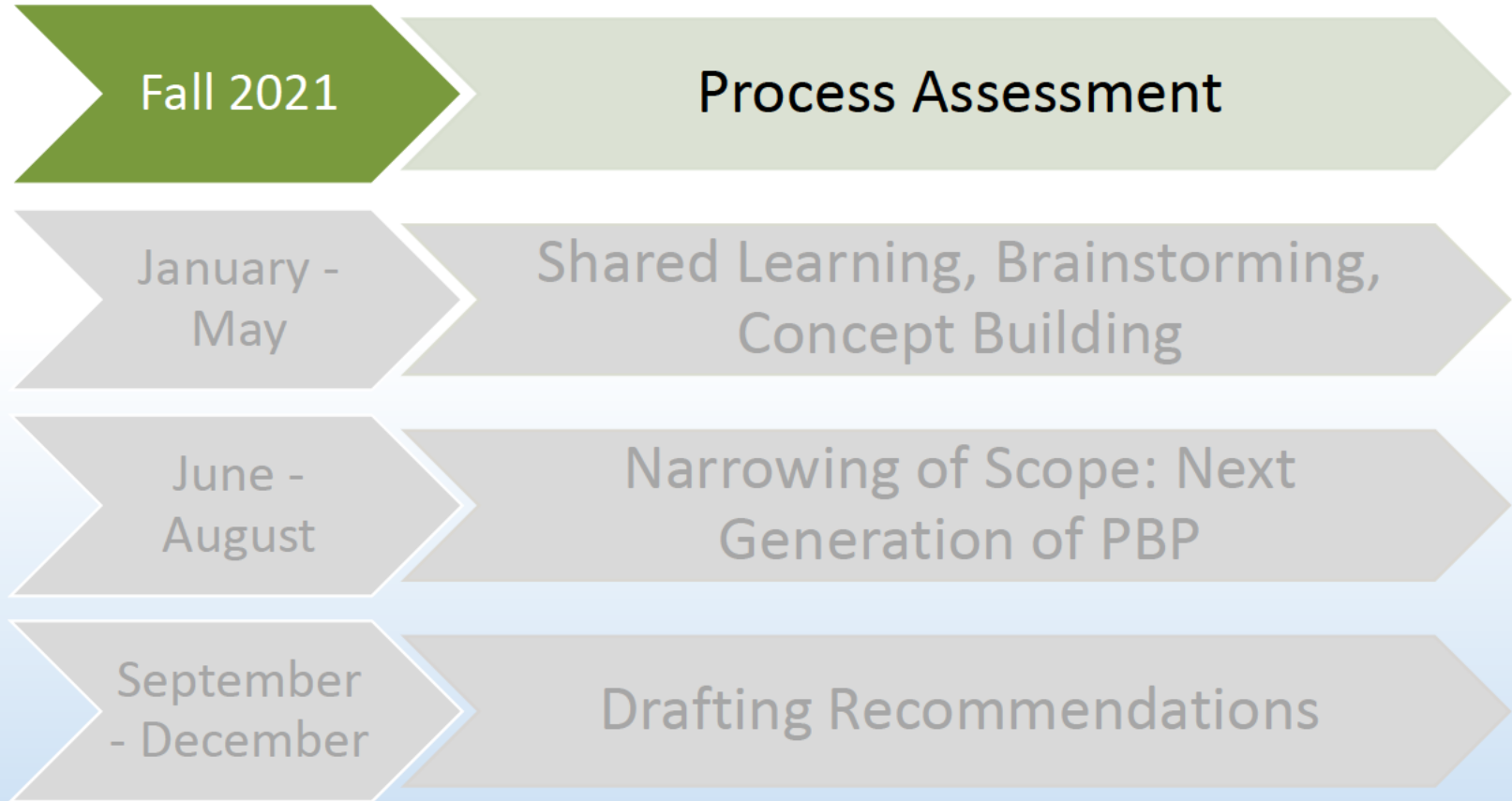
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House Bill 5006 (2021)

- Increased interest in regional water planning leading into 2021 Legislative Session
- **Goal:** “Develop a framework and path for state-supported water planning and management at the water region and/or basin level”



Process



Workgroup Membership

Conservation groups

Agricultural water users

Environmental justice organizations

Non-Agricultural Business/Industry

Regional Planning Perspectives

Tribal interests

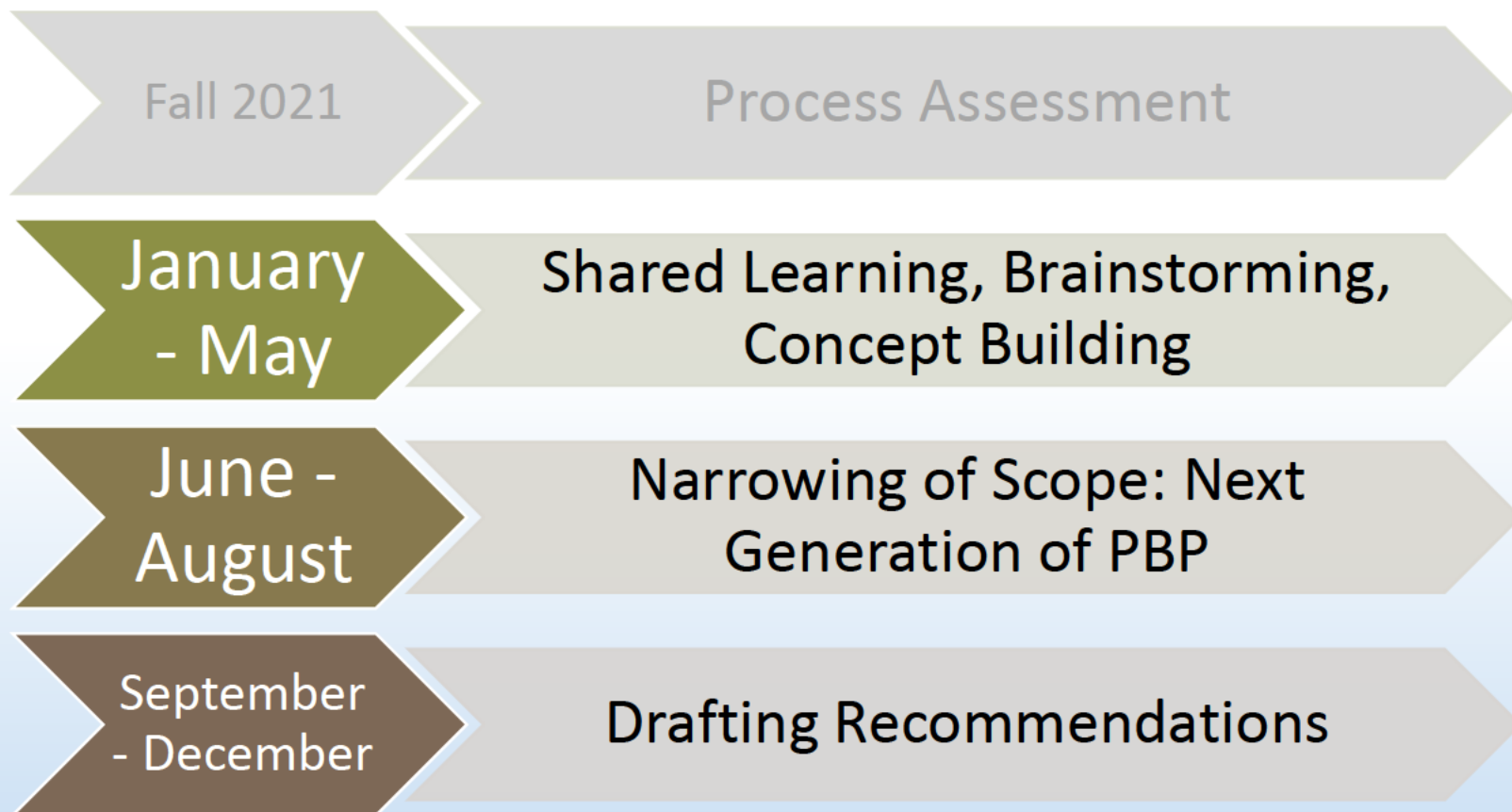
State agencies

Governor's Office

Municipal, Local and County Governments, and Special Districts



Process



Pilot Program: SB 266 (2015)

- IWRS Recommended Action
- 4 planning groups
- Legislature invested \$2.4M
- OWRD provided
 - planning guidelines and support
 - program guidance
 - data and technical assistance
- State Recognition of 3 plans in 2022
- Pilot sunsets in July 2023
- NPCC Independent Evaluation



High-level summary of 22 recommendations

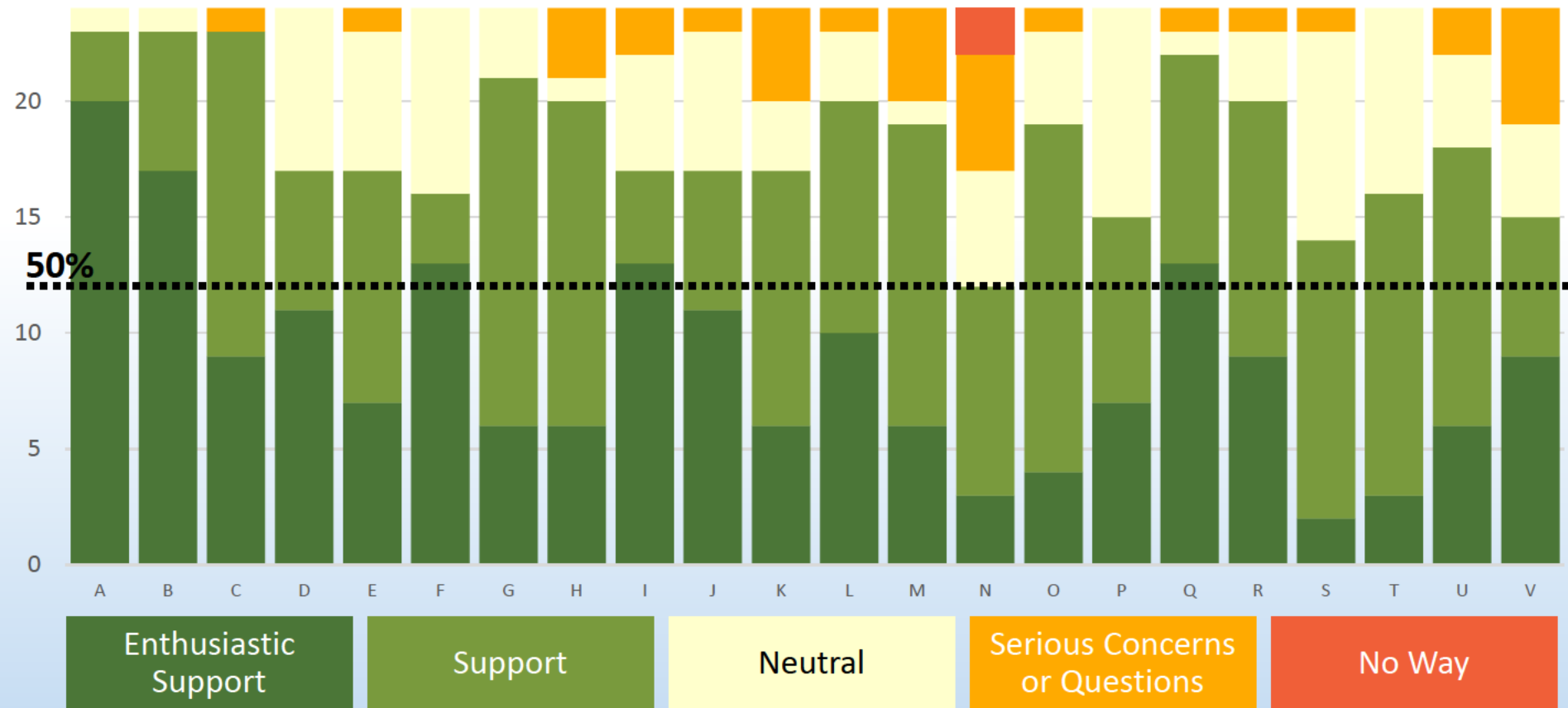
Section I: Water Planning in Oregon

Section II: The Next Generation of Place Based Planning

Refer to report for details

[Link to Final Report](#)

Alignment Check



I. Water Planning in Oregon

System Level Funding Need:

96%

0%

- State agency data collection and analysis
- Agency capacity
- Interagency coordination

Community Engagement Guide

96%

4%

II. PBP: State Recognition

State Recognized Plans:

- Should receive support from an interagency team and funding for implementation coordination
- Be required to submit biennial reports to maintain state recognition
- May be used to identify common themes across basins to help inform updates to the IWRS

71%

0%

67%

0%

88%

0%

More Clearly Articulate Value

71%

4%

II. PBP: Agency Support and Capacity

Fund the following to support PBP:

- Data inventories 71% 4%
- Formalized interagency team 83% 13%
- Regional/Basin Staff 71% 8%

II. PBP: Grant Program

Funding should enable:

63%

0%

- Community engagement
- Plan development
- Facilitation
- Implementation coordination
- Plan updates

II. PBP: Grant Program

Grant Program Should:

- Include materials to help groups determine
 - If PBP is the best tool to meet their needs
 - Their initial capacity and readiness to engage in PBP
- Build upon lessons learned
- Require cost-share
- Include guidelines for group operating protocols
- Build trust prior to plan development
- Establish clear standards for community engagement
- Require professional facilitation and technical writing



II. PBP: Grant Program

Selection Criteria Should Include:

- Readiness 71% 17%
- State priorities
- Prioritization of existing groups 50% 21% 8%

Grant Structure: Multiple Types of Support 79% 17%

Grant Fund Structure 63% 21%

Workgroup Recommendations

- System and capacity needs for water planning in Oregon
- The next generation of Place-Based Planning
- *Refer to report for full details ([Link to Final Report](#))*

What's next?

- Water Planning Bill Introduced by Representatives Helm and Owens (House Bill 3163)
- Recommendations will be used to inform any future Place Based Planning guidance/rulemaking

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