



Item G - Project Implementation Update

Informational Item

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Build partnerships and incentivize Oregonians to pursue integrated and innovative solutions for complex water challenges and an uncertain water future.



Service Areas



Strategic
Investments



Adaptive
Planning



Cooperative
Partnerships



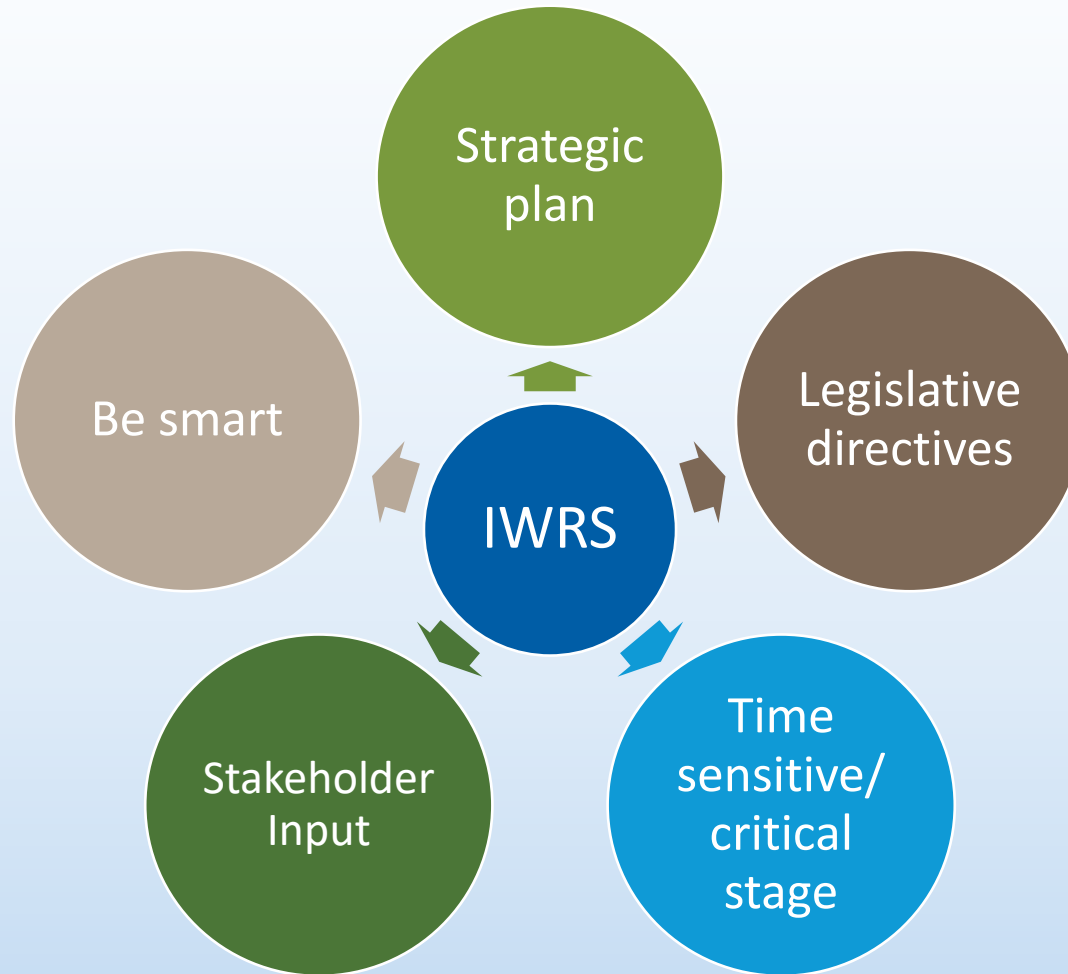
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Effective
Coordination

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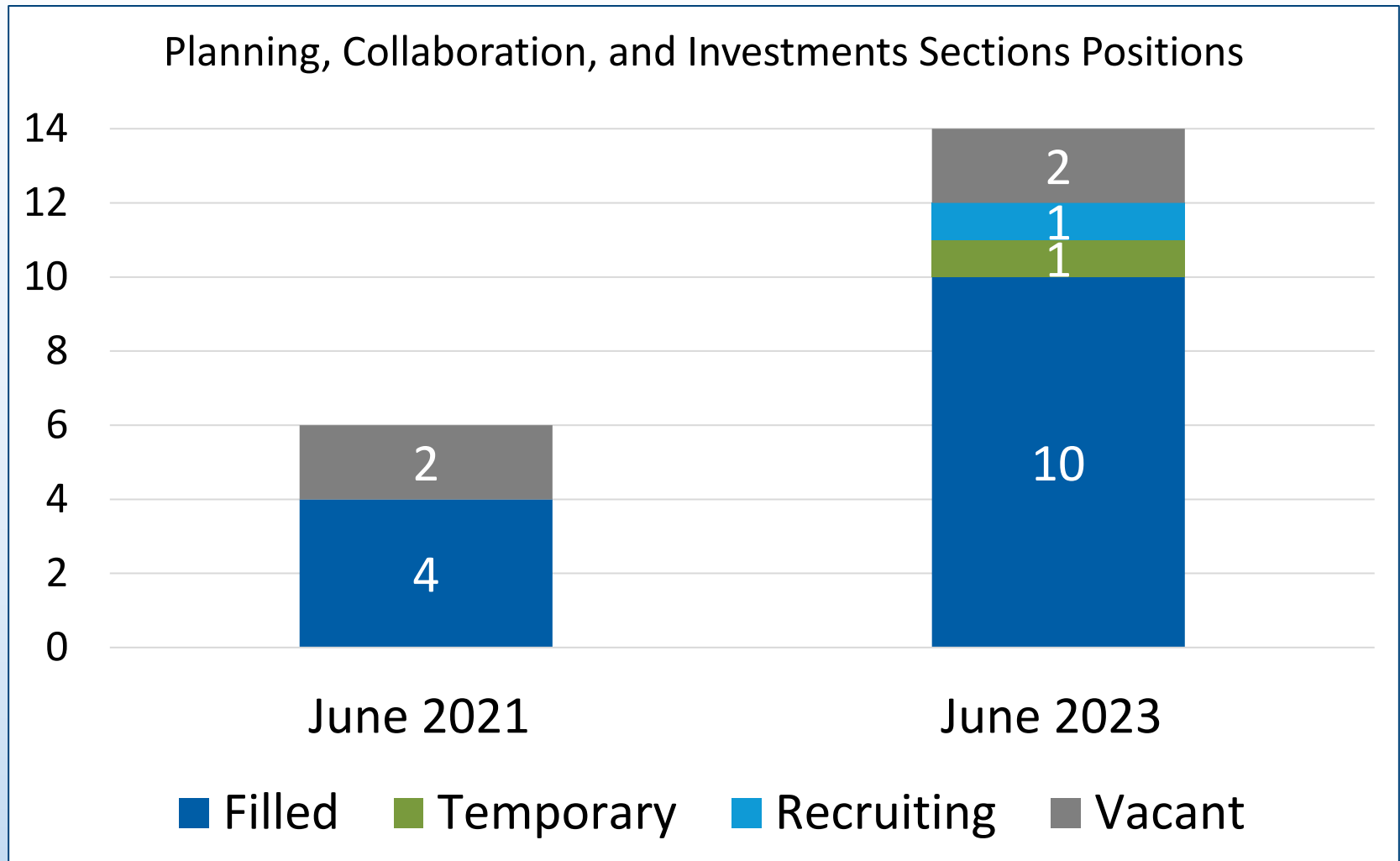
What is guiding our priorities?



Operations

- Annual funding cycles for [Feasibility Study Grants](#)
- Annual funding cycles for [Water Project Grants and Loans](#)
- Grant administration
- Place-based integrated water resources planning:
 - Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Planning Partnership
 - Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership
 - Lower John Day Place-Based Partnership
 - Harney Community-Based Water Planning Collaborative
- Internal Department coordination in priority basins (Deschutes and Willamette)

Priority: Hiring to increase capacity





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- Best management practices for community engagement on water projects ([HB 3293](#))
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In June 2021 we had one grant staff person to do all this work

Projects

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Increase capacity

- Repurpose position
- Ask for positions
- Scale back where possible

Prioritize projects

- Focus first on need
- Consider impact
- Be smart/strategic

Adapt

- Reprioritize projects
- Shift hiring strategy

Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund (WARRF)

Statistics as of June 14, 2023

Number of applications received	252
Grant funding requested	~\$6.3M
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Number of grants awarded	151
Number of applications denied	69
Grant funding allocated	~\$4.0M
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Number of grants closed out	78
Amount reimbursed	~\$2.4M



Past

- Planning Assessment
- Independent Evaluation of Place-Based Planning
- State-Supported Regional Water Planning and Management Work Group

Present

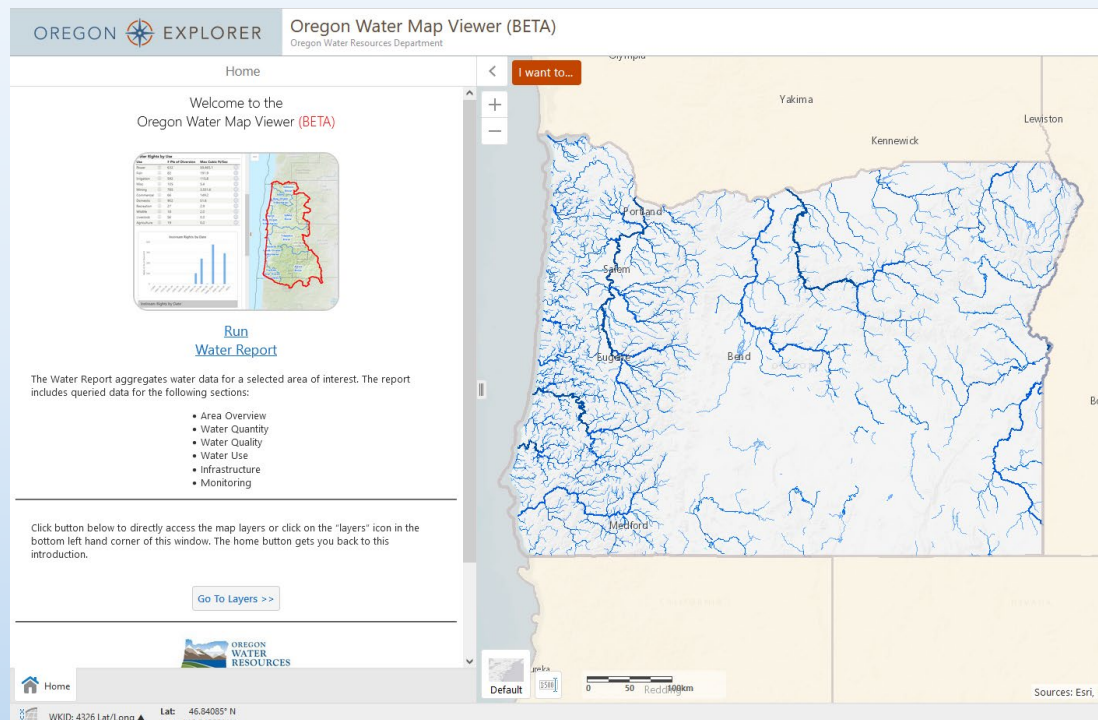
- Support legislative discussions regarding Water Planning Fund

Future

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Water Planning Explorer and Oregon Water Data and Reporting Tools (with OSU Institute for Natural Resources)



OREGON EXPLORER Oregon Water Map Viewer (BETA)
Oregon Water Resources Department

Home

Welcome to the Oregon Water Map Viewer (BETA)

[Run Water Report](#)

The Water Report aggregates water data for a selected area of interest. The report includes queried data for the following sections:

- Area Overview
- Water Quantity
- Water Quality
- Water Use
- Infrastructure
- Monitoring

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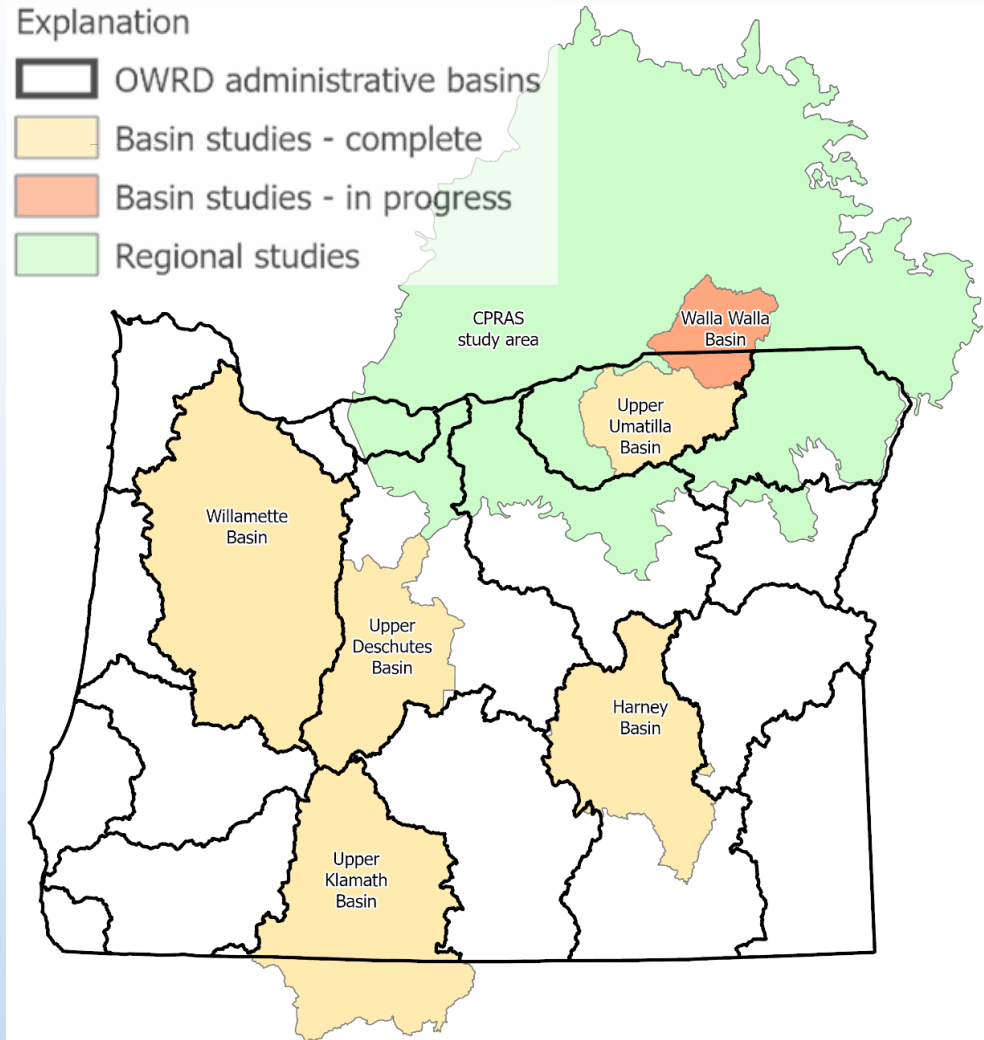
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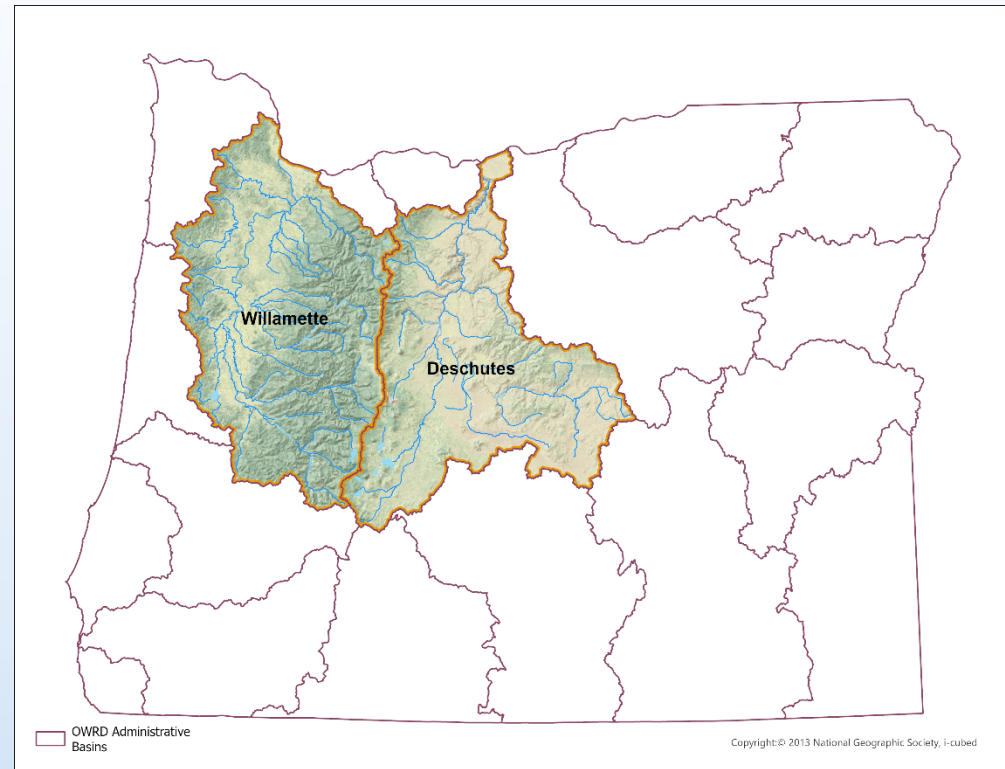
- Public engagement:
 - Walla Walla Groundwater Study and Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan
 - Statewide Evapotranspiration
 - Groundwater recharge





Basin assessments and workplans:

- Deschutes: February 2023 – Item C
- Willamette: June 2023 – Item E



 OWRD Administrative Basins

Thank you.
Questions?

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