

Budget and Legislative Update



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2023 Legislative Session

- Sine Die June 25, 2023
- More than 2,500 measures introduced
 - Tracked over 500 bills
 - Over 80 pieces of water related legislation

\$143 million Drought Package

Shared Investments across multiple agencies*

- **\$8.8 million:** Data and Analysis
- **\$7.5 million:** Drinking Water Security
- **\$9.7 million:** Agricultural Resilience and Food Security
- **\$35.2 million:** Instream Priorities and Watershed Health
- **\$68.9 million:** Water Project Improvements
- **\$4.4 million:** Outreach and Engagement
- **\$29 million:** Carryover funding

*Per press release via Representative Helm's Office

2023 Session – Budget Summary

	2021-23 Legislatively Approved 4/22	2023-25 Legislatively Adopted
General Fund (GF)	\$69,089,805	\$81,331,377
Other Funds (OF) including Fees	\$39,453,906	\$34,866,859
Other Funds - Grants/Loans	\$86,142,341	\$139,200,425
Lottery Funds - Debt Service	\$9,499,510	\$15,856,857
Federal Funds	\$737,366	\$703,315
Total Funds	\$204,922,928	\$271,958,833
Positions / Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	241/216.82	258/246.63

Integrated Water Resources Strategy 2017

(1) Understand Water Resources Today

Further Understand Limited Water Supplies & Systems
(groundwater, surface water, and their interaction)

Improve Water Quality & Quantity Information

Further Understand Our Water Management Institutions

Understanding Water Resources / Supplies / Institutions

- 1.A Conduct additional groundwater investigations
- 1.B Improve water resource data collection and monitoring
- 1.C Coordinate inter-agency data collection, processing, and use in decision-making

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(2) Understand Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs

Further Define Out-of-Stream Needs / Demands
(i.e., diverted water)

Further Define Instream Needs / Demands
(i.e., left-in-place water)

Understanding Oregon's Out-of-Stream Needs/Demands

- 2.A Regularly update long-term water demand forecasts
- 2.B Improve water-use measurement and reporting
- 2.C Determine unadjudicated water right claims
- 2.D Authorize the update of water right records with contact information
- 2.E Regularly update Oregon's water-related permitting guide

Understanding Oregon's Instream Needs/Demands

- 3.A Determine flows needed (quality and quantity) to support instream needs
- 3.B Determine needs of groundwater dependent ecosystems

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(3) Understand the Coming Pressures That Affect Our Needs and Supplies

Economic Development

Water & Energy

Climate Change

Extreme Events

Population Growth

Water & Land Use

Water-Related Infrastructure

Education & Outreach

Water & Energy

- 4.A Analyze the effects on water from energy development projects and policies
- 4.B Take advantage of existing infrastructure to develop non-traditional hydroelectric power
- 4.C Promote strategies that increase/integrate energy and water savings

Water & Land Use

- 6.A Improve integration of water information into land use planning (and vice versa)
- 6.B Improve state agency coordination
- 6.C Encourage low-impact development practices and green infrastructure

Water-Related Infrastructure

- 7.A Develop and upgrade water and wastewater infrastructure
- 7.B Encourage regional (sub-basin) approaches to water and wastewater systems
- 7.C Ensure public safety/dam safety

Education & Outreach

- 8.A Support Oregon's K-12 environmental literacy plan
- 8.B Provide education and training for Oregon's next generation of water experts
- 8.C Promote community education and training opportunities
- 8.D Identify ongoing water-related research needs

Extreme Events

- 5.5A Plan and prepare for drought resiliency
- 5.5B Plan and prepare for flood events
- 5.5C Plan and prepare for a Cascadia subduction earthquake event

Economic Development & Population Growth
(See Actions 2A and 3A)

(4) Meet Oregon's Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs

Place-Based Efforts

Water Management & Development

Healthy Ecosystems

Public Health

Funding

Place-Based Efforts

- 9.A Continue to undertake place-based integrated, water resources planning
- 9.B Coordinate implementation of existing natural resource plans
- 9.C Partner with federal agencies, tribes, and neighboring states in long-term water resources management

Water Management & Development

- 10.A Improve water-use efficiency and water conservation
- 10.B Improve access to built storage
- 10.C Encourage additional water reuse projects
- 10.D Reach environmental outcomes with non-regulatory alternatives
- 10.E Continue the water resources development program
- 10.F Provide an adequate presence in the field
- 10.G Strengthen water quantity and water quality permitting programs

Healthy Ecosystems

- 11.A Improve watershed health, resiliency, and capacity for natural storage
- 11.B Develop additional instream protections
- 11.C Prevent and eradicate invasive species
- 11.D Protect and restore instream habitat and habitat access for fish and wildlife
- 11.E Develop additional groundwater protections

Public Health

- 12.A Ensure the safety of Oregon's drinking water
- 12.B Reduce the use of and exposure to toxics and other pollutants
- 12.C Implement water quality pollution control plans

Funding

- 13.A Fund development and implementation of Oregon's IWRS
- 13.B Fund water resources management activities at state agencies
- 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

Integrated Water Resources Strategy

- Facilitate Interagency Work & Implement IWRS

Water Availability Reporting System update

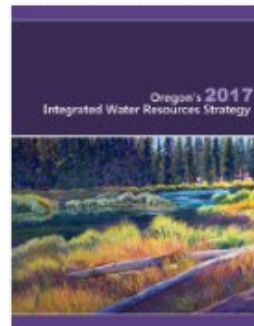
- Update and refine water availability model

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 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.



December 2022



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)

Policy Implementation

- Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation water rights settlement
- Research and coordination with DEQ on water reuse and recycled water legislative report
- Developing scope of work, resource, and timeline for an update to the 1998 Stewardship and Supply Initiative, particularly Basin Assessments

Policy Implementation

- Establish Place-Based Planning Grants as permanent program
- Clarify provisions for voluntary groundwater agreements
- Expand Well Abandonment, Repair and Replacement Fund
- Certified Water Right Examination licensing changes
- New forfeiture exemption related to drought
- New laws related to enforcement procedures and policies
- Implement new water reporting provisions



Post Session Implementation

Grants and Water Projects

- \$2 million for Place-Based Planning
- \$10 million for Water Projects Grants and Loans
- \$50 million for irrigation modernization, as specified by the Legislature
- \$16.2 million in 11 direct appropriations

Additional Legislation

- Senate Bill 85 – Confined Animal Feeding Operations; groundwater provisions sunset in 2027
- Senate Bill 718 – Drought and Forfeiture
- House Bill 2010 – Drought Package
- House Bill 2929 – Injunctive Relief; sunsets in 2029
- House Bill 3164 – Split Season Instream Leasing
- House Bill 3211 – City of Newport Big Creek Dam Transfer of Stored Water
- House Bill 3343 – Welding Requirements for Well Construction Licensing



Legislative Days and 2024 Session

Legislative Days

- September 27 - 29, 2023
- November 6 - 8, 2023
- January 10 - 12, 2024

2024 “Short Session”

- February 5 - March 10, 2024

2025 Legislative Prep

Important Legislative Dates						
February 2024						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	2024 Legislative Session - Read More					
			Revenue Forecast			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	2024 Legislative Session - Read More					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	2024 Legislative Session - Read More					
25	26	27	28	29	1	2
	2024 Legislative Session - Read More					

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