



Oregon Water Resources Department

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	2005-07 Actuals	2007-09 Legislatively Approved	2009-11 Governor's Recommended
General Fund	\$21,254,080	\$26,603,527	\$24,575,826
Lottery Fund	0	0	324,354
Other Funds	4,045,553	7,021,101	10,164,776
Federal Funds	551,585	1,176,003	1,197,639
Other Funds (non-limited)	1,521,457	1	0
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Total Funds	\$27,372,675	\$34,800,632	\$36,262,595
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE)	138.13	147.60	* 143.92

2009-11 New Investments

Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy: 2 FTE (\$283,192 General Fund)

The development of an integrated water resources strategy will help Oregon meet its future water needs, in terms of water quantity, water quality, and ecosystem needs.

The project team will be managed by the Director's Office at the Water Resources Department, in consultation with DEQ.

The project team includes:

- One NRS3 Scientific Coordinator at the Department to oversee scientific work in the areas of basin yield, peak flow, water demand forecasts, and climate change adaptation.
- One NRS 3 Public Policy Coordinator at the Department to convene and manage the public process, develop the strategy, and oversee work products.

Implementation/Construction Grants (\$2.5 million in lottery-backed bonds)

The Governor's Recommended Budget includes \$2.5 million in lottery revenue-backed bonds for the implementation of the "Umatilla Basin Aquifer Recovery Project," which is currently completing its feasibility study phase. \$2.2 million would be available for project construction itself, with the remaining funds going toward debt service and bond administration.

Implementation/Construction will include:

- Use of shallow alluvial aquifers for storage, for increased return flows to the Umatilla River, and for the improvement of water quality;
- Use of deep basalt aquifers for storage;
- Expansion of transmission infrastructure;
- Reduction in ground water declines.

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* These totals include a reduction of seven General Fund Positions from the 2007-09 budget, and an addition of two new General Fund positions and four new Other Fund positions.

2009-11 Reductions

Reductions in Staffing: 7 Positions (\$1,095,674 GF)

The Department currently has 147 FTE, who are responsible for implementing our core mission:

“...practicing and promoting responsible water management, directly addressing Oregon’s water supply needs, and restoring and protecting streamflows and watersheds in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon’s ecosystems, economy, and quality of life.”

Reductions include:

- 4 Oregon Plan positions (responsible for instream transfers, water rights mapping, and stream data collection);
- 1 field-based, water measurement technician;
- 1 water-use reporting specialist, who collects, posts, and processes both required and voluntary water-use data;
- 1 water management and conservation plan processor, who processes these required documents as part of municipal and agricultural water permit extension requirements.

Ground Water Study Funds (\$125,000 GF)

Groundwater Research Funds identify aquifer boundaries, define water budgets, identify competing needs, and quantify the impacts of future allocations on senior users and the resource. In the past, the state has used these research funds to leverage Federal dollars in a one-to-one cost share.

Attorney General Fees (\$50,000 GF)

This represents a seven percent reduction in the Department’s Attorney General budget.

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