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State seeks water plan comments

The Oregon Water Resources Department is seeking public comments on recommended actions it proposes as part of the state's draft Integrated Water Resources Strategy.

The proposed actions address a dozen issues, including water supply and quality, infrastructure and public health issues.

The department is developing the water strategy with other state agencies and tribes to help the state understand and meet future water needs.

"Even though we are known as a water-rich state, Oregon has significant needs in terms of water availability and quality," said Phil Ward, director of the department.

Oregon 's first Integrated Water Resources Strategy is scheduled for publication and adoption in 2012.

To comment, go to the department's website -- www.wrd.state.or.us -- and click on "project page."

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