



# Staff Report

**TO:** Water Resources Commission

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## **UMATILLA AND WALLA WALLA BASIN WATER MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

### **I. Introduction**

During this informational report, staff will provide an update on water management in the Umatilla and Walla Walla Basin.

### **II. Background**

North Central Region staff will brief the Commission on current water management priorities and challenges in the Umatilla and Walla Walla Basins, including the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Water Rights Settlement, continued implementation of the Umatilla Basin Project, ongoing modernization efforts, and bi-state water regulation.

### **III. Conclusion**

The Umatilla and Walla Walla Basins are very active and complicated basins for the Department to manage, but staff continue to work to balance competing needs and outcomes for both instream and out-of-stream demands.

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