



# Staff Report

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## OREGON'S INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY WORKPLAN DEVELOPMENT

### I. Introduction

Staff will present the draft 2025-27 Strategy Workplan and describe the proposed process for developing the 2027-29 workplan.

### II. Integrated Water Resources Strategy Recommended Action

- 13A – Fund Development and Implementation of Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy

### III. Background

The authorizing statute (ORS 536.220) for the Strategy was revised in 2023 to require the development of biennial workplans to guide implementation. The statute revisions became effective following the 2025 Strategy adoption by the Commission on September 11, 2025.

ORS 536.220 does not specify any formal adoption or approval process for the workplan by the commission.

### IV. Draft 2025-27 Workplan

The draft 2025-27 Workplan, Attachment 1, was developed with input from 14 agencies.

The workplan is divided into two sections. Section 1 presents anticipated agency efforts towards the Interagency Priorities (listed in Appendix E of the 2025 Strategy). Section 2 outlines the work related to implementing the Strategy more broadly, including its four objectives and 48 actions. Section 2 provides an opportunity to include Strategy-related work by agencies that are not explicitly included in the priority tasks.

The workplan describes agency contributions at a high-level, with additional detail available from the relevant agency. The Department will lead regular check-ins throughout the biennium to track progress on workplan implementation. The Department plans to publish a progress report after the end of the biennium.

## **V. Proposed 2027-29 Workplan Development Process**

When possible, future workplans will be developed in alignment with agency budget and legislative concept development to maximize the opportunity for acquiring adequate resources or needed legislation to support Strategy implementation.

The 2027-29 workplan development will begin in early 2026. Several natural resources agency directors and the Governor's Natural Resources Office will discuss coordination needs to help advance the Interagency Priorities.

Additional coordination will occur across agencies in 2026 to identify draft items for a 2027-29 workplan. The Department and partner agencies may use their respective board or commission meetings, or other forums, to gather input on potential workplan items.

## **VI. Tribal Engagement**

The Department notified Tribes in October that 2025-27 workplan development was underway and 2027-29 workplan development would begin in early 2026.

The Department received a response from one Tribe requesting a work session prior to the December Commission meeting. Their input on the draft 2025-27 workplan will be shared during the presentation portion of this agenda item.

## **VII. Conclusion**

The Department will work with agencies to finalize the 2025-27 workplan by the end of 2025. The Department will report on 2025-27 workplan implementation progress and 2027-29 workplan development progress at future commission meetings.

### **Attachments:**

1. Draft 2025-27 Strategy Workplan

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Oregon’s 2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy

2025-27 Interagency Workplan- **DRAFT**

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Oregon Revised Statute 536.220 was modified in 2023 to require the development of 2-year workplans to implement Oregon’s Integrated Water Resources Strategy (Strategy). This workplan represents the ways in which almost 15 agencies anticipate contributing to Strategy implementation over the 2025-27 biennium.

**Part 1** of the workplan shows expected agency efforts on the Interagency Priorities outlined in **Appendix E of the 2025 Strategy**. These priorities were identified by agency leadership and the Governor’s Office.

**Part 2** of the workplan shows the anticipated agency efforts that align more broadly with the Strategy and its two goals, four objectives, and 48 actions. These efforts include ongoing agency work that support better understanding and meeting Oregon’s instream and out-of-stream water needs. See **Appendix D of the 2025 Strategy** for more information about the goals, objectives, and actions.

Refer to individual agency workplans for additional detail.

**Agency Acronyms:**

BIZOR	Business Oregon	ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
DOGAMI	Department of Geology and Mineral Industries	ODOE	Oregon Department of Energy
DLCD	Department of Land Conservation and Development	OHA	Oregon Health Authority
DSL	Department of State Lands	OPRD	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
OCCRI	Oregon Climate Change Research Institute	OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board
ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture	OWEB	Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
ODEQ	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality	OWRD	Oregon Water Resources Department
ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry	USGS	U.S. Geographical Survey

**Other Acronyms:**

- CAFO - Confined Animal Feeding Operation
- HB – House Bill
- ISWR – Instream Water Rights
- LUBGWMA – Lower Umatilla Groundwater Management Area
- POD – Point of Diversion
- POA – Point of Appropriation
- SB – Senate Bill
- SIA - Strategic Implementation Area
- SWCD – Soil and Water Conservation District
- SWIMS – Surface Water Information Modeling System
- TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load



## Part 1: Interagency Priorities and Tasks – Agency 2025-27 Activities

All Strategy actions are important; however, efforts must be prioritized in a resource constrained environment. Interagency leadership, with support from the Governor's Office, identified specific priority areas in the 2025 Strategy where agencies can work together to make meaningful progress in the near-term. These priorities will require focused resources and attention over the coming years. Part 1 shows how agencies expect to contribute to priority tasks over the 2025-27 Biennium.

Priority Area 1: Act with Urgency to Protect Instream and Out-of-Stream Uses					
Task	P1.1 Reduce unauthorized water use and gain compliance with other water laws	P1.2 Provide guidance for what constitutes reasonable use of water	P1.3 Increase the use of existing programs and tools and develop new programs and tools that protect priority waters and/or watersheds that support instream needs and promote resiliency	P1.4 Expand efforts to protect the quality of surface and groundwater sources that provide drinking water to Oregonians	P1.5 Implement improvements to water permitting processes to improve transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness of decisions
IWRS Actions	8C, 10E, 10F, 13B	8C, 10F, 13B	10F, 11A-11E, 13B, 13C	11A-11E, 12A-12C, 13B, 13C	10F, 13B
Agencies*	DSL, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD	OWRD, ODA	DSL, ODEQ, ODFW, OPRD, OWEB, OWRD	DLCD, ODA, ODEQ, OWEB, OWRD	DOGAMI, DSL, ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD
Anticipated Agency Efforts	<p><b>DSL:</b> Be responsive to complaints and compliance issues with the Removal/Fill Law.</p> <p><b>ODA:</b> Facilitate timely rule making processes:</p> <p>LUB GWMA Rules. Continue to expand the SIA (Strategic Implementation Area) footprint across the state. Facilitate Area Rules Updates. Maintain schedule for biennial reviews of Water Quality area plans. CAFO Requirements for new and renewing permittees to submit water supply plans.</p> <p><b>ODEQ:</b> Issue and renew water quality protection permits and certifications and ensure compliance through monitoring, reporting and inspections. Promote public outreach and education regarding residential onsite program.</p> <p><b>ODFW:</b> Gain fish passage and fish screening compliance, where applicable</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Update Division 240, 250, 260 &amp; 300 rules. Outreach &amp; enforcement for static water level permit condition reporting. Update Field Operations Manual.</p>	None this biennium.	<p><b>DSL:</b> Expand the Statewide Wetlands Inventory online map to include compensatory mitigation sites and wetland delineations. Rulemaking to better protect aquatic resources of special concern. Rulemaking for improved stream and wetland protection. Investigate ways to improve resiliency of Oregon's wetlands, waterways, and the territorial sea.</p> <p><b>ODEQ:</b> Pursue designation of waters identified as priority candidates for Outstanding Resource Waters; Develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) and Water Quality Management Plans in collaboration with responsible parties.</p> <p><b>ODFW:</b> Apply for instream water rights; seek conversion of Willamette minimum perennial streamflows to instream water rights; promote instream flow restoration through water right acquisition and instream transfers/leases; continue cold water program; continue the Aquatic Invasive Species Program</p> <p><b>OPRD:</b> Review all OPRD water rights to ensure proper utilization and opportunities for conservation.</p> <p><b>OWEB:</b> Continue offering the Water Acquisition grant program for instream needs and Land Acquisitions for habitat protection and ecosystem processes, including resilience.</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Update Divisions 2 and 77 (ISWR Transactions) and 76 (Min. Perennial Streamflow) rules. Scoping for Deschutes Water Bank, HB 3806 (2025).</p>	<p><b>All Agencies:</b> Implement Action Plan for LUBGWMA. Implement SB 1154 (2025) including interagency team participation.</p> <p><b>DLCD:</b> Administer new Wetland Technical Assistance Grant Program to support new and updated local wetlands protection programs.</p> <p><b>ODA:</b> Work with SWCD's to provide Technical Assistance to landowners. Continue with SIA development/monitoring to address Ag water quality concerns. Include drinking water source protection within the SIA selection/development process.</p> <p><b>ODEQ:</b> Implement interagency agreement with Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to support drinking water protection in Oregon by providing technical assistance to public water systems and communities. Develop and implement TMDLs in priority watersheds.</p> <p><b>OWEB:</b> Continue offering the Water Acquisition grant program. If new funding is made available, offer future grant cycles for Drinking Water Source Protection.</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Implement LUBGWMA Action Plan: conduct backflow inspections, publish conceptual model, seek federal funding for additional observation wells, investigate well construction.</p>	<p><b>DOGAMI:</b> placeholder</p> <p><b>DSL:</b> Improvements to Stream Mitigation Program, incorporate regulatory streamlining for habitat improvement. Create forum to pursue opportunities with interested parties, including developing memorandums of understanding or other agreements, joint funding for projects for multiple benefits, and improved data sharing.</p> <p><b>ODEQ:</b> Conduct inspections, issue new water quality permits, reduce the backlog of administratively extended WQ permits, and transition to Your DEQ Online (YDO) for all water quality permits. Follow up on WQ violations and enforcement actions and monitor compliance. Update DEQ's Water Right Review form, implement process improvements, and continue partnership on the Division 33 Interagency [water right] Review Team.</p> <p><b>ODFW:</b> Complete ODFW water right review guidance documents and update review forms; improve external understanding of ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy; continue participation in the Division 33 Interagency Review Team</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Rulemaking (approx. 17 Divisions) to implement HB 3342 and HB 3544 (2025). Track and report water rights process timelines.</p>
*Achieving outcomes for many of these tasks may require coordination and/or partnership with Tribes, federal, state, and local agencies, districts, community-based and non-governmental organizations, and private entities, among others.					

Priority Area 2: Assist the State and Communities to Prepare for Water Scarcity

Task	P2.1 Increase quality and accessibility of water availability, water use, and water demand information	P2.2 Modernize water data systems and website user interfaces to facilitate wider data sharing amongst agencies and the public and enhanced customer service	P2.3 Improve understanding of instream and out-of-stream needs through increased numbers of completed basin assessments, instream flow studies, and clean water plans	P2.4 Increase the number of communities and Tribes that have completed or are participating in water planning efforts to meet instream and out-of-stream water needs, protect drinking water sources, improve water quality and promote drought resiliency	P2.5 Increase the involvement of OWRD in advisory committees for Economic Opportunity Analyses (EOAs) and implement other actions to better align land use planning and actions with water resource goals
	1A, 3A, 13B	1C, 13B	1A-1D, 2A-2C, 13B	9A, 9E, 13B	6A, 13B
	OWRD	DLCD, DSL, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD	DLCD, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	DLCD, OWRD
	<b>OWRD:</b> Seek resources for IT staffing and resource gaps. Continue SWIMS development. Install stream gages for SWIMS. Partner with USGS on developing conceptual statewide water budgets. Statewide Recharge Study sample collection. Update groundwater concerns map and supporting documentation. Continue measurement device installation at Significant Points of Diversion. Increase installation of measurement devices at PODs/POAs using the new processes for the Water Measurement and Cost Share Fund. Install measurement devices on all PODs on John Day River.	<b>All Agencies:</b> Support Oregon Water Data Portal development. <b>ODA:</b> Identify data gaps that IT could help fill. Engage in Ag. Water Quality Hub Data collection/development. Facilitate SIA remote monitoring data being electronically reported. Launch “One ODA” to facilitate inter-departmental collaboration of data resources. <b>ODEQ:</b> Implement and support transition to Your DEQ Online for all water quality permits. Continue to update and maintain the Ambient Water Quality Monitoring System (AQWMS). Improve accessibility of reports on DEQ’s website. <b>ODFW:</b> Scope instream water right tracking dashboard. <b>OWEB:</b> Support the inter-agency development of the Oregon Water Data Portal, including QA/QC. <b>OWRD:</b> Identify IT staffing and resource gaps and develop strategy to address gaps.	<b>ODEQ:</b> Develop, issue and implement TMDLs and water quality management plans, including working with designated management agencies (DMAs) on their implementation responsibilities. Prepare the Oregon Nonpoint Source Pollution Program Annual Report. Produce annual statewide surface water quality status and trends report. <b>ODFW:</b> Continue cold water data collection and instream flow studies; Expand studies to larger systems in collaboration with other agencies. <b>OWRD:</b> Complete Walla Walla Basin Study. Initiate Fifteenmile Sub-Basin Study. Provide Technical Assistance Packages (base-level data) for Place-Based Planning groups.	<b>DLCD:</b> Continue convening Coastal Resilience Workshops to support peer-learning in coastal communities. <b>ODA:</b> Utilize SIA and Ag Water Quality Grants. Identify and prioritize implementation strategies for priority projects/technical assistance areas. Work with SWCD’s to implement projects with landowners. Engage in Placed Based Planning workgroups across the state. <b>ODEQ:</b> Develop, issue and implement TMDLs and water quality management plans. Serve as lead agency in coordinating drinking water source protection activities with other state and federal agencies in Oregon. Provide outreach, technical support and trainings to promote and leverage funding opportunities for communities to address water quality improvement projects. <b>ODFW:</b> Provide technical assistance to Water Planning Groups. <b>OWEB:</b> Provide Focused Investment Partnership, Monitoring, and Capacity funding that allows local partners to collect water related data and participate in water planning efforts. Tribal Project Development grants can also support capacity for Tribal staff to participate in planning efforts when there is a connection to salmon/steelhead recovery. <b>OWRD:</b> Launch Place-Based Planning grants, complete PBP Handbook, and participate in planning including technical assistance.	<b>OWRD:</b> Participate in advisory committees as needed.
IWRS Actions					
Agencies*					
Anticipated Agency Efforts					
*Achieving outcomes for many of these tasks may require coordination and/or partnership with Tribes, federal, state, and local agencies, districts, community-based and non-governmental organizations, and private entities, among others.					

Priority Area 3: Adapt to Water Scarcity by Stretching Our Water Supplies					
Task	P3.1 Increase the pace and scale of completion of water reuse and aquifer storage, recovery and recharge projects that support resilience and protect the environment	P3.2 Increase the number of water users that are planning for or implementing water conservation, efficiency, or modernization efforts that support resilience or improve instream flows	P3.3 Align existing and future agency funding and incentives programs to further instream flow restoration, groundwater recharge, source water protection, and water quality and habitat improvement efforts in priority basins/watersheds	P3.4 Identify priority areas and/or guidance for new above and below ground storage that would support resilience and protect public health and the environment	P3.5 Improve water right transfer processing times for lower risk transfers to facilitate the movement of water to high-priority use
IWRS	10B, 10C, 10F, 13B, 13C	7A, 9A, 10A, 13B, 13C	11A-11E, 12A, 13B, 13C	10C	10F, 13B
Actions					
Agencies*	BizOR, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OHA, OWEB, OWRD	OWEB, OWRD, ODA	ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD	ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD
Anticipated Agency Efforts	<p><b>BizOR:</b> Administer the Aquifer Recharge Funding Program including disbursement and project management (6 projects).</p> <p><b>ODA:</b> Participate in the Interagency Water Reuse Team per HB 2169 (2025) and provide technical assistance for ag management practices and reuse opportunities which protect public health and the environment.</p> <p><b>ODEQ:</b> Establish and coordinate Interagency Water Reuse Team. Engage with interested parties to identify policy change priorities and technical assistance needs to support reuse projects. Summarize and analyze permitting and regulatory process improvement opportunities for water reuse projects (HB 2169). Coordinate with OWRD to establish transparent permitting pathways for AR projects. Finalize Internal Management Directives (IMD) for Aquifer Recharge (AR) projects.</p> <p><b>ODFW:</b> Participate in the Interagency Water Reuse Team</p> <p><b>OHA:</b> Placeholder</p> <p><b>OWEB:</b> Continue offering Technical Assistance, Monitoring, and Restoration grant programs to assist with assessing and implementing water reuse and aquifer recharge projects that benefit streamflow.</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Provide technical assistance. Participate in the Interagency Reuse Team. Seek resources to address Artificial Recharge (AR) &amp; Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) program needs and improvements.</p>	<p><b>ODA:</b> Expand efforts for informational public meetings and outreach events, focusing on SIA development and Area Plan reviews. Utilize SWCD partners to assist with Technical Assistance to landowners for Water Quality projects.</p> <p><b>OWEB:</b> Continue offering Restoration, Monitoring, and Water Acquisition grants to fund irrigation efficiency and instream flow improvements.</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Implement expanded Feasibility Study and WPGL grants programs (HB 3364, 2025). Launch Place-Based Planning grants. Harney Basin classification, CGWA and SWMPA designation and implementation.</p>	<p><b>ODEQ:</b> Assist communities seeking funding for water quality projects by maximizing shared outreach efforts and materials about the funding opportunities (WQ Grants and CWSRF). Develop and implement policies, procedures, and process improvements to efficiently administer funding programs and coordinate water quality funding programs (e.g., CWSRF) within DEQ. Assist OHA in updating and enhancing source water assessments for public water systems using groundwater sources and evaluate risks to all drinking water source areas. Serve as lead agency in coordinating drinking water source protection activities with other state and federal agencies in Oregon.</p> <p><b>ODFW:</b> Finalize and publish updated flow restoration priorities; Oversee PFA and OCRF grant programs to provide an alternative funding source for flow restoration; continue implementation of the Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program; Assist with standing up the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council and Fund.</p> <p><b>OWEB:</b> Continue offering Water Acquisition, Monitoring, and Restoration grants to improve stream flows. If new funding is made available, offer future grant cycles for Drinking Water Source Protection program.</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Continue to support and increase participation in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Administer grants to Walla Walla efforts.</p>	<p><b>ODEQ:</b> Implement the LUBGWMA Nitrate Reduction Plan. Begin strategic planning for the GW Protection Program to develop a long-term vision for the program with goal of building enhanced processes and resources for GW protection across Oregon. Investigate permitting pathways for Aquifer Storage and Recovery.</p> <p><b>ODFW:</b> Improve external understanding of ODFW's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Seek resources to address Artificial Recharge (AR) and Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR).</p>	<p><b>ODEQ:</b> Continue to provide TA and water quality expertise review for water rights under Division 33, review Consent to Injury Applications, and provide technical assistance input for any efforts to improve processing of water rights transfers.</p> <p><b>ODFW:</b> Update ODFW guidance regarding the Consent to Injury recommendation process</p> <p><b>OWRD:</b> Evaluate water rights transactions using Lean Six Sigma principles. Implement transfer process improvements.</p>
*Achieving outcomes for many of these tasks may require coordination and/or partnership with Tribes, federal, state, and local agencies, districts, community-based and non-governmental organizations, and private entities, among others.					



Part 2: Implementing the Strategy’s Four Objectives – Agency 2025-27 Activities

Agencies may make progress on Strategy Implementation outside of the Interagency Priorities (Part 1), as resources allow. Many of the Strategy’s four objectives and associated actions represent ongoing agency work through existing programs or new legislative initiatives that align with Strategy implementation. Activities related to the Agency Priorities, above, **are not** included/duplicated here.

Objective 1: Understand Oregon’s Water Resources

Strategy Actions 1A-1D

Multi-Agency Efforts:

- Agency staff continue to engage in the **Oregon STREAM Team** to coordinate planning, monitoring, and communication of water related data and information among Oregon’s state natural resource agencies (ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD, Actions 1A, 1C)
- **Oregon STREAM Team** to develop an annual interagency water monitoring map and monitoring calendar to show where state agencies are actively engaged in monitoring activities for the current calendar year (ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD, Actions 1A, 1C)
- Site and install additional stream gages (ODFW, OWRD, Action 1A)

DOGAMI

- Placeholder
- Placeholder

DSL

- Ongoing improvements in the **Statewide Wetlands Inventory** (Actions 1A, 1C)
- Continue long-term monitoring at **South Slough Reserve** (Actions 1A, 1D)
- Continue eel grass monitoring and research at Coos Bay (Actions 1A, 1D)

ODA

- Conduct Ag Water Quality Compliance Investigations (Action 1A)
- Utilize the **Pesticide Stewardship Program** to identify potential concerns to water quality as affected by pesticide use (Actions 1A, 1C)

ODEQ

- Conduct standards reviews and rule revisions to establish and update scientifically based water quality standards based on the most up to date scientific data and information to develop the **Integrated Report** (Action 1A)
- Collect and analyze water quality data for the development of **TMDLs** and produce the annual statewide surface water quality status and trends report to support implementation of the TMDL and nonpoint source programs (Action 1A)
- Continue data collection for the **Ambient Water Quality Monitoring System** (Action 1A)
- Coordinate and collaborate with stakeholders, state, federal, and local agencies during water quality standard development (Action 1C)
- Work with partner agencies to provide data and analyses for Place Based Planning efforts across the state (Action 1C)
- Continue data collection for the Groundwater Protection Program and Groundwater Monitoring Program (Action 1A, 1B)

ODFW

- Work with USGS to identify priority locations for and install additional stream gages (Action 1A)
- Finalize and implement the Aquatic Habitat Prioritization assessment (Action 1D)

OWEB

- Annually convene and facilitate the **Oregon Plan Monitoring Team** (OPMT) to review OWEB monitoring grant applications (Actions 1A, 1C) and continue involvement with the **Pacific Northwest Aquatic Monitoring Partnership** (PNAMP) Steering Committee (Actions 1A, 1C)
- Maintain the **Oregon Watershed Restoration Inventory** (OWRI) for grantee submissions (Actions 11A, 11D)

OWRD

- Continue surface water and groundwater data collection (Action 1A, 1B, 1C)

Objective 2: Understand Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs

Strategy Actions 2A-3D

Multi-Agency Efforts:

- Support OWRD’s Irrigation Modernization grant program (ODEQ, OWRD, Action 3A)

DSL

- Ongoing **Essential Salmonid Habitat** mapping (Action 2A)

ODA

- Develop, issue, and implement TMDLs and water quality implementation plans (Actions 2A, 12C)

ODEQ

- Review water right applications falling under Division 33 rules (Action 2A)
- Provide technical assistance and data management for volunteer monitoring partners (Action 3A)
- Develop, issue and implement TMDLs and water quality management plans (Action 2A)

ODFW

- Continue assessing relationships between instream flow and water quality (Action 2A)
- Continue assessing channel maintenance flow needs (Action 2A)

OWEB

- Continue offering Technical Assistance and Monitoring grants for instream flow needs. Monitoring grantees collect local water quality and quantity data, and report results through a number of data systems. (Action 2A)

OWRD

- Map instream water rights in the SW Region (Action 2A)

Objective 3: Understand the Pressures that Affect Our Needs and Supplies

Strategy Actions 4A-8D

Multi-Agency Efforts:

- Continue participation in multi-agency **Hydroelectric Application Review Team** (ODEQ, ODFW, ODOE, OWRD, Action 4A)
- Compile information from multiple agencies to support statewide comprehensive drought vulnerability assessment, (OCCRI, other agencies TBD, Action 5A)
- Agency participation in the **Outdoor School** to teach the next generation about water stewardship (ODEQ, OWRD, Action 8A)
- Identify how water resource regulation and availability of water impact housing, supporting SB 1537 (2024) (BizOR, DLCD, Actions 5A, 5B, 6A)
- Integrate water resource issues in the Plan for a Resilient Oregon, [Governor of Oregon : Plan for a Resilient Oregon : Policies : State of Oregon](#) (DLCD, other agencies TBD, Actions 5A, 5B, 5C, 9E)

BIZOR

- Administer the **Housing Infrastructure Financing Program** (HB 3031 (2025)) to fund technical assistance for water infrastructure needed for housing development (Actions 6A, 7A, 13C)
- Administer the **Housing Infrastructure Support Fund** (SB 1537 (2024)) to support planning and financing for water infrastructure (Actions 6A, 7A, 13C)

DOGAMI

- Placeholder
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DLCD

- Administer the **Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program**, award over \$3 million in grants and manage grant agreements (Action 6B)
- Complete a statewide **Hazards Risk Assessment** that includes drought, wildfire, and floods to support preparation of local natural hazard mitigation plans (Actions 5A, 5B)
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- Ongoing technical support to LGs to develop water supply interties in areas at risk for saltwater intrusion, drought, sedimentation post wildfire (Actions 5A, 6A, 7A, 7B)

DSL

- Continue work on statewide **Local Wetland Inventory** database (Actions 2B, 6A)
- Increase education and outreach regarding **Removal/Fill Wetland Program** (see DSL Strategic Plan)(Action 8C)

ODA

- Utilize **CAFO Program** for dam and impounded water safety concerns (Actions 5B, 7C, 8C)
- Utilize SIA process, Area Plans, and Area Rules to promote community education for agricultural landowners (Action 8C)

ODEQ

- Issue Permits (NPDES, WPCF, and general permits) that protect or improve the quality of receiving waters and protect the beneficial uses of those waters and review discharge monitoring reports to ensure adherence to individual and general permit requirements (Action 7A)
- Take action on residential and WPCF onsite site evaluation, authorization, permit and repair applications (Action 7A)

- Promote wastewater operation as a career and Perform education and outreach to current and potential wastewater operator (Actions 8B, 8C)
- Support communities seeking funding for water quality projects by maximizing shared outreach efforts and materials about the funding opportunities, increasing staff training and coordination about funding programs, and seeking opportunities to leverage funding sources. Fund various projects, including wastewater infrastructure, utilizing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund) (Actions 7A, 9E)
- Support state and local community planning efforts through technical assistance (Actions 8C, 8D, 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D)

ODF

- Implement **Small Forestland Grant Program** – Focus on grants that reduce wildfire risk and creating resiliency on landscape (Actions 5A, 13C)

ODFW

- Seek Sea Grant or other interns for the Water Program, when available (Action 8B)
- Host public meetings regarding instream water right applications (Action 8C)

ODOE

- Complete Oregon’s first **Energy Strategy** (Action 4A, 4C)
- Provide ongoing support for the **Oregon Climate Action Commission** (Action 4C)
- Work with data centers to develop water and energy savings efficiencies (Actions 4C, 10A)

OHA

- Continue to provide community education through the **Domestic Well Safety Program** (Action 8C)

OPRD

- Continue outreach and education regarding the **Scenic Waterways Program** (Actions 8C, 11B)

OSMB

- Continue to provide outreach and education through **Clean Marinas Program** and **Boating Safety Advocates** (Action 8C)

OWEB

- Collaborate with ODFW and other natural resource agencies to develop resilience attributes as directed in EO 25-26 (Actions 5A, 5B, 6A)

OWRD

- Program improvements for the Water Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund (**WARRF**) (Actions 7A, 13C)
- Conduct **dam safety** inspections, design reviews, and Emergency Planning & Response exercises (Actions 5B, 7A, 7C)
- Develop public engagement tools for OWRD to engage the public around technical information (Actions 8C, 9E)

Objective 4: Meet Oregon’s Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs

Strategy Actions 9A-13C

Multi-Agency Efforts:

- Support **water planning** in the Chewaucan, Deschutes, and Walla Walla Basins (OWRD, ODEQ, ODFW, Actions 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E)
- Support **water planning** implementation efforts in the Upper Grande Ronde, Lower John Day, Harney Basin, and Mid-Coast (OWRD, ODEQ, ODFW, Actions 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E)
- Continue resolution of instream water right protests (ODFW, OWRD, Action 11B)
- Continue the **Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program** (ODFW, OSMB, Action 11C)
- Implement **HB 2982** (2025) to increase funding for Aquatic invasive Species Prevention Funds (ODFW, OSMB, Action 11C)
- Implement **HB 2170** (2025), to expand authority for Tribal and Local Government entities to operate boat inspection station locations across Oregon (ODFW, OSMB, Action 11C)
- Continue participation in the interagency **Water Quality Pesticide Management Team** (WQPMT) (ODA, ODEQ, ODF, OHA, Actions 12A, 12B)
- Continue to support **Strategy implementation** (All agencies, Action 13A)

BIZOR

- Continue funding for planning, feasibility, and water infrastructure projects (Action 13C)

DOGAMI

- Placeholder
- Placeholder

DLCD

- Continue provision of Technical Assistance and Housing Planning Assistance grants in support of public facilities planning, to address housing production (Action 13C)
- Continue funding of **Estuary Management Plan** updates (Action 13C)

DSL

- Continue **Essential Salmonid Habitat** mapping annual updates (Action 11B)

ODA

- Utilize the IPPM, Plant Conservation Program and the Noxious Weed Control Program to manage and control invasive plant species across Oregon’s landscape (Action 11C)
- Continue implementation of the **Pesticide Stewardship Partnership Program** (Action 12B)
- Continue to utilize the CAFO program to address water quality through permitting and monitoring appropriate animal agriculture operations (Actions 12A-12C)
- **Implement TMDLs** to address water quality issues associated with agricultural lands (Actions 9B, 12A-12C)

ODEQ

- Collect water samples and analyze water quality and biological data to develop water quality standards, TMDLS, contact indicators for cyanotoxins, and monitor approximately 60 sites for toxics annually (Action 10E)
- Develop, issue and implement TMDLs and water quality management plans (Actions 12B, 12C)
- Work with designated management agencies, ODF and ODA on water quality implementation plans for Total Maximum Daily Loads and Water Quality Management Plans (Action 9D, 10D, 11B, 12C)

- Develop the **Oregon Nutrient Reduction Strategy** with the goal of achieving anthropogenic nutrient reductions and preventing nutrient pollution (Actions 12A-12C)
- Begin strategic planning for the **GW Protection Program** to develop a long-term vision for the program with goal of building enhanced processes and resources for GW protection across Oregon (Action 11E)
- Review **Aquifer Storage and Recovery** applications for water quality standards and develop procedures for review (Action 9D, 10C)
- Summarize and analyze the permitting and regulatory barriers to **reuse projects** (HB 2169, Action 9D, 10B)
- Implement **SB 830** (2025) for onsite septic fund expansion (Actions 12A-12C, 13C)

ODF

- **Private Forest Accord Habitat Conservation Plan** (HCP) development – submission and formal process to receive approval and subsequent incidental take permits for selected aquatic and amphibian species for the covered activities in the Forest Practices Act (Action 9C)
- Continue monitoring for **invasive forest species** – emphasis on Emerald Ash Borer efforts to monitor and implement multi-agency efforts to detect and minimize spread. Forest Health Unit monitors other potential threats to Oregon Forests. (Actions 11A, 11C)
- Continue to implement applicable water quality **TMDL plans** through the Forest Practices Act and rules and through the other ODF programs: including compliance monitoring, adaptive management, small forest incentives, and via educational/outreach programs (Actions 1A, 8C, 11D, 12B, 12C, 13C)

ODFW

- Complete the 10-year update to the **State Wildlife Action Plan** (Actions 11A-11D)
- Implement **3-Year Action Plan for Beaver-Modified Landscapes** 2022-2025 (Action 11A)
- Complete update for statewide streamflow restoration prioritization (Action 11B)
- Support efforts to expand fish screening in the Klamath basin in newly accessible anadromous salmonid habitats (Action 11D)

ODOE

- Administer the **USDA REDA Grant Program** to conduct energy and water efficiency assessments (Actions 4C, 10A, 13C)

OHA

- **Implement HB 3525** (2025) to require landlords to test and report well water quality in specific situations (Action 12A)

OPRD

- Evaluate park operations including irrigation for water conservation opportunities (Action 10A)
- Pursue sustainable funding model for water resources management including OPRD properties and **State Scenic Waterways** (Action 13B)

OWEB

- Fulfill Oregon’s responsibilities to the **Oregon Environmental Restoration Council** to administer the **Oregon Environmental Restoration Fund** (Actions 12A-12B, 13C)
- Continue to administer the **Natural and Working Lands grant program** to implement projects focused on natural climate solutions and environmental justice (Actions 11A, 11C, 11D)
- Support ODOE’s study on workforce needs to implement natural climate solutions (Action 8B)

OWRD

- Begin updating **Water Management and Conservation Plan** guidebooks (Action 10A)
- Continue administering grant programs that fund feasibility, planning, and project implementation (Actions 7A, 7C, 9A, 10A, 13C)