

Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy

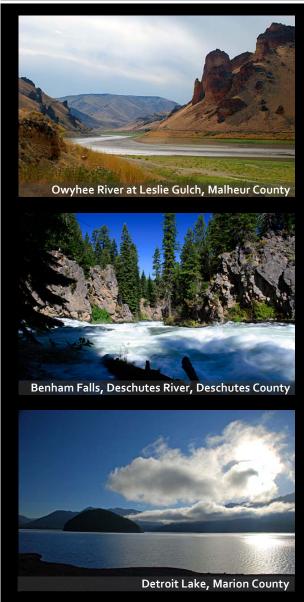


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Outline



- Retrospective of the Process
- Presentation of June 2012 IWRS
- Planned Revisions
- Letters of Support from Partners
- Next Steps (Agenda Item B)
- Observations from the Agency Directors
- Pause for Public Comment
- Consideration for Adoption



Looking Back: The IWRS Process

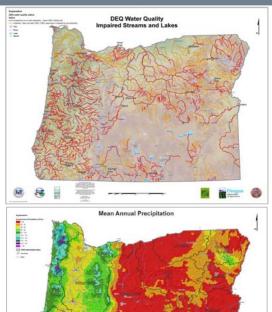


Phase I SETTING THE STAGE

- 3-year Workplan
- Public Involvement Plan
- Issue Papers
- Formation of key principles
- Project Team
- 3 Advisory Groups:
 - Policy Advisory Group
 - Agency Advisory Group
 - Federal Liaison Group



Looking Back: The IWRS Process



- Phase II IDENTIFYING WATER NEEDS
- 11 open house events
- Numerous stakeholders workshops and partner meetings
- Online survey, and "virtual" open house

Streamflow Restoration Priorities Grands Rends John Cay John Ca

PUBLIC OUTREACH GOAL:

To form a vision for Oregon's water future, & to identify critical issues and potential solutions



Looking Back: The IWRS Process







Phase III DEVELOPING RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Feb. 2011 Progress Report to 76th Legislative
 Assembly
- June 2011 "Bulletins"
- Numerous opportunities for public comment
- Meeting with advisory groups
- December 2011 Discussion Draft



The IWRS Process Today







Phase IV PRODUCING OREGON'S FIRST IWRS

- Continued opportunity for comment
- Notified other boards/commissions
- Draft released: June 22, 2012



Looking Ahead: The IWRS Process

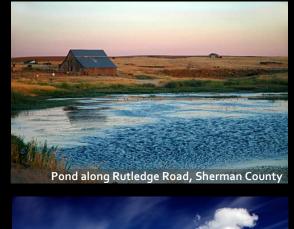


Phase V IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION

- IWRS due to the Oregon Legislature by December 31, 2012
- Identify lessons learned and any modifications for next iteration



Presentation of June 2012 IWRS







- IWRS and Executive Summary available online
- New improvements based on public comments, PAG, discussions with WRC
- Examples of modifications
 - Re-organization
 - Removed extraneous background
 - Beefed up Executive Summary
 - Added Conclusion
 - Better context/tone (successes, and "total water" in Oregon)
 - Contribution of irrigated agriculture
 - Role of federal agencies
 - More detail on storage, water supply development, instream flows



Planned Revisions (Examples)



COPY EDITS

- percent vs. %
- references to page numbers (off by 2)

UPDATES

- # of water bodies with fish advisories (19)
- # of SIGPOD's with measurement devices (2012 #'s)

CLARIFICATIONS

- issuance of advisories (OHA and ODA); not "several"
- beginning of water quality programs (1938?)

FORMATTING

- new cover
- remove "draft"
- insert signature page, shifts page numbers by 2



Letters of Support







LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM:

- Board of Agriculture
- Board of Forestry
- Board of Geology
- Drinking Water Advisory Committee (OHA)
- Environmental Quality Commission
- Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Land Conservation and Development Commission
- Parks and Recreation Dept.
- State Marine Board
- Sustainability Board
- Watershed Enhancement Board
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Dept. of Energy Bonneville Power Admin.
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- U.S. Geological Survey
- U.S. Forest Service



Looking Ahead: Next Steps







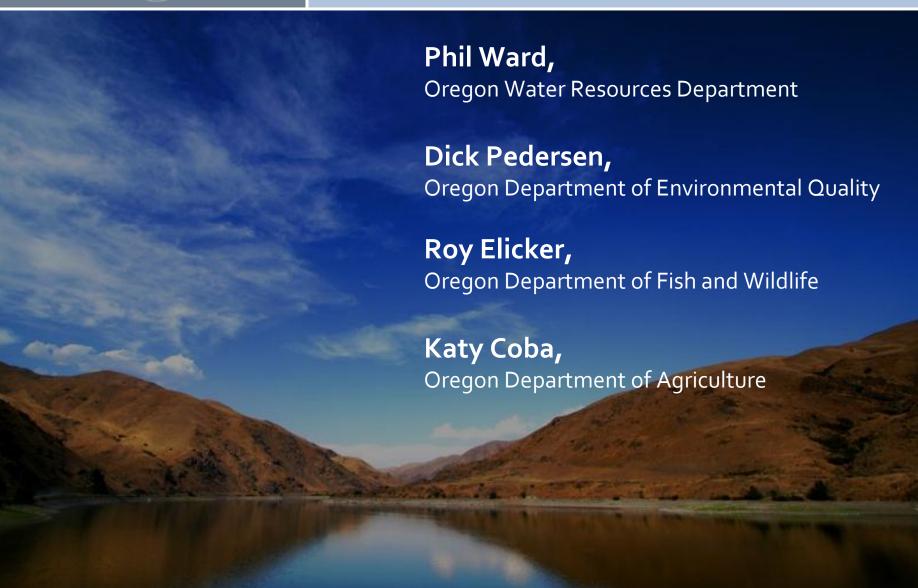
AGENDA ITEM B (IMPLEMENTATION)

- Role of IWRS discussions in future meetings
- Development of IWRS workplan for 2012-2017
- Preparation for 2013 Legislative Session and subsequent Legislative Sessions



Snake River Gorge near Huntington, Oregon

Observations from the Agency Directors





Public Comment





Consideration for Adoption







Commissioner Discussion



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Options:

✓ OPTION 1

Adopt Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy with noted modifications

OPTION 2

Adopt Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy with additional modifications

OPTION 3

Direct staff to re-visit the document and return in November with a modified Strategy for consideration

Staff Recommends: OPTION 1



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