

Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy

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Outline

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Introduction to the Discussion Draft

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Introduction to the Discussion Draft

General Approach

- Building upon a good foundation of policy and data
- Preserve rights that are in place today
- Voluntary, incentive-based approach

What's New in this Draft

- 2011 reports and publications
- Guest essays ("techniques & technologies")
- Revamped actions (incl. "keyed" actions)



Discussion Draft: Thoughts on Implementation

- Add a Chapter to the IWRS
- Focus on the "Keys":
 - 1A (Data re Physical Water Resources)
 - 2A (Data re Long-Term Demand Forecasts)
 - 3A (Data re Instream Needs)
 - 6A (Data for Land-Use Planning)
 - 7A (Assist w/ Climate Change Adaptation)
 - 9A (Fund IWRS)
 - 9B (Fund Water Mgt at State Level)
 - 10A (Undertake Place-Based Planning)
- Develop Inter-Agency Workplan in these areas:

Further prioritization (by geography for example)

Targets (short-term and long-term)

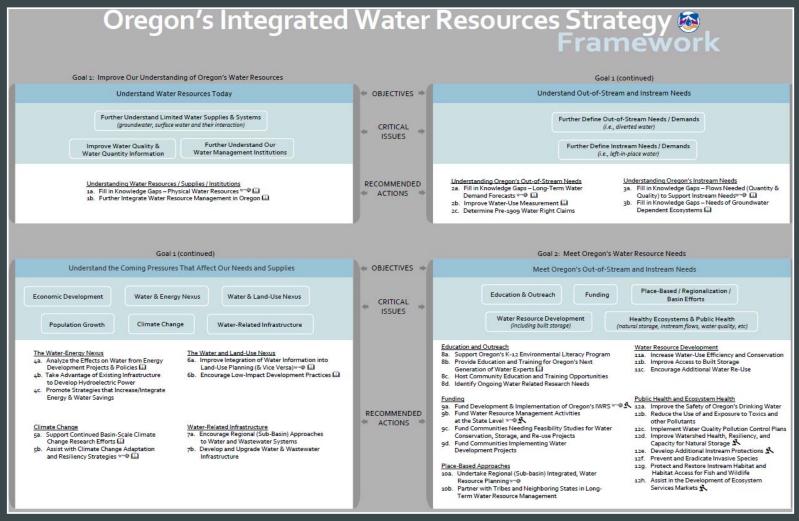
Staffing and Technical Needs

Potential Project and Funding Partners

Budget

Introduction to the Discussion Draft

Updated Framework



Instream Needs

Primary Challenges Today

- Listed fish statewide, water a common theme.
- Oregon Conservation Strategy
 - H2O Qual/Quan KeyConservation Issue
- More than just base flows
 - Peak/ecological flows
 - Flow restoration opportunities
- Climate Change



Instream Needs

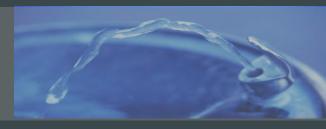
ODFW Programs

- Water Quantity/Quality Program
- Conservation and Recovery Program
- Oregon Conservation Strategy
- Fish Passage and Screening Program
- Field Staff

Instream Needs

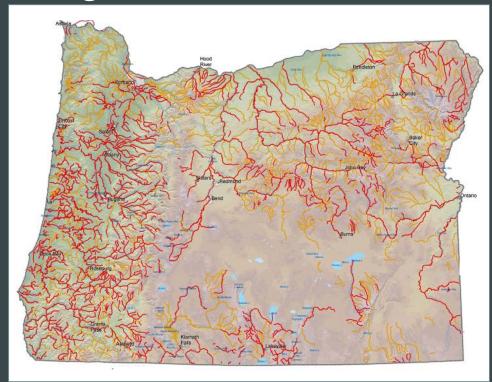
Recommended Actions

- Action 3.A Fill in Knowledge Gaps Base, Peak, Ecological Flows
- Action 5.B Assist with Climate Change Adaptation and Resiliency Strategies
- Action 7.B Develop and Upgrade Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
- Action 12.D Improve Watershed Health, Resiliency, and Capacity for Natural Storage
- Action 12.E Develop Additional In-stream Protections
- Action 12.F Prevent and Eradicate Invasive Species
- Action 12.G Protect and Restore Instream Habitat & Habitat Access for Fish & Wildlife
 - (e.g., Implement Conservation & Recovery Plans)
- Action 12.H Assist in the Development of Ecosystem Services Markets



Primary Challenges Today

- Water quality problems throughout the state
- Data needs/gaps
- Nonpoint sources



CWA Objective: Protect Beneficial Uses and Prevent Degradation

Steps in the Process

- 1. Determine Protection Level: Water Quality Standards
- 2. Assess Water Quality: Integrated Report
 - -305(b) Report
 - -303(d) List

3. Develop TMDLs

- Point sources (wasteload allocations)
- Nonpoint sources (load allocations)
- Background and Margin of Safety
- 4. Implement Water Quality Management Plans
 - Revise wastewater permits
 - Roles of ODA and ODF
 - Other Designated Management Agencies
- 5. Monitor, evaluate and revise as needed

Recommended Actions

- Action 1.A. Fill in Knowledge Gaps Physical Water Resources
- Action 1.B. Further Integrate Water Resources Management in Oregon
- Action 7.B. Develop and Upgrade Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
- Action 9. A-D. Funding
- Action 10.A. Undertake Regional (Sub-basin) Integrated, Water Resources Planning
- Action 11.C. Encourage Additional Water Reuse
- Action 12.B. Reduce the Use of and Exposure to Toxics and other Pollutants
- Action 12.C Implement Water Quality Pollution Control Plans

Primary Challenges Today

Little water available in summer

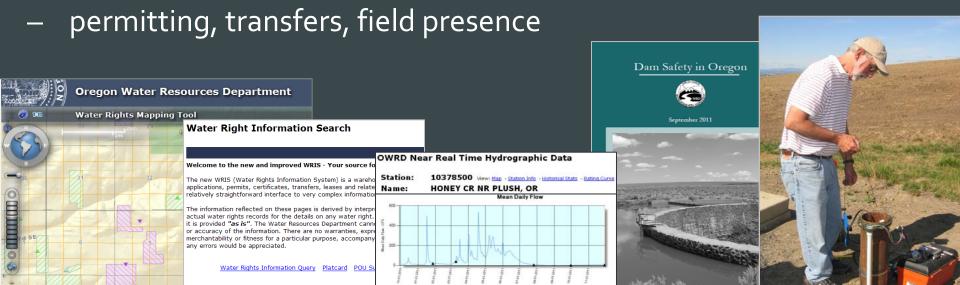
Groundwater restricted, limited,

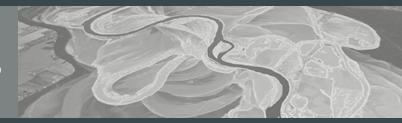
withdrawn areas



OWRD Programs

- water availability model, streamflow data, extensive water rights database, GW data, water-use data, mapping, etc.
- groundwater management (sw/gw connection)
- legal instream protections





Recommended Actions

- Action 1.A. Fill in Knowledge Gaps Physical Water Resources
- Action 2.A. Fill in Knowledge Gaps Long-Term Water Demand Forecasts
- Action 2.B. Improve Water-Use Measurement
- Action 6.A. Improve Integration of Water Information into Land-Use Planning (& Vice Versa)
- Action 9.A. Fund Development & Implementation of Oregon's IWRS
- Action 9.B. Fund Water Resource Management Activities at the State Level
- Action 11.A. Increase Water-Use Efficiency and Water Conservation
- Action 11.B. Improve Access to Built Storage

Next Steps

- Calendar for meeting with Boards/Commissions
- 2012 Public Outreach. March 15 final public comments
- April 19 WRC Meeting
- August WRC Meeting
- Some implementation requires no legislative action
- Some entail budget / legislative requests for 2013



Q & A

- Feedback on "key" recommendations. Are keys in the right place?
- Do you see any red flags? Glaring omissions?
- Any other issues?