



Staff Report

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INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY – DRAFT 2027-29 WORKPLAN

I. Introduction

Staff will present the Draft 2027-29 Strategy Workplan and describe the proposed process for finalizing the workplan. *This is an informational item.*

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 Strategy adoption by the Commission on September 11, 2025. Agencies developed a Draft 2025-27 Workplan, shared it at the December commission meeting, and finalized the workplan in early 2026. The fourteen agencies that contributed to the workplan are now implementing the 2025-27 Workplan.

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

IV. Draft 2027-29 Workplan

The Draft 2027-29 Workplan, Attachment 1, is similar to the 2025-27 Workplan. 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.

V. 2027-29 Workplan Development Process

The 2027-29 workplan is being developed during the first half of 2026 in alignment with agency budget development processes to maximize opportunities to identify adequate resources or needed legislation to support Strategy implementation. Agencies will be submitting their Agency Requested Budgets later this summer and the Governor’s Requested Budget will be released this fall.

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The Draft 2027-29 Workplan is available on the OWRD website for public review and comment until June 26, 2026. Agencies will consider this input as they finalize the workplan in July and August.

VI. Conclusion

The 2027-29 Workplan will be finalized later this summer. The Department will report on IWRS workplan implementation at future commission meetings.

Attachments:

1. Draft 2027-29 Strategy Workplan

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Oregon’s 2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy 2027-29 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 14 agencies anticipate contributing to Strategy implementation over the 2027-29 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.

DSL: Strategic Plan

ODEQ: Water Quality Program Plan 2027-29

OWRD: [Strategic and Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice Plan 2025-2030](#)

Agency Acronyms:

BIZOR	Business Oregon
DOGAMI	Department of Geology and Mineral Industries
DLCD	Department of Land Conservation and Development
DSL	Department of State Lands
ODA	Oregon Department of Agriculture
ODEQ	Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
ODF	Oregon Department of Forestry
ODFW	Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife
ODOE	Oregon Department of Energy

OHA	Oregon Health Authority
OPRD	Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
OSMB	Oregon State Marine Board
OSU	Oregon State University
OWEB	Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
OWRD	Oregon Water Resources Department
USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture

Other Acronyms:

AR	Artificial Recharge
ASR	Aquifer Storage and Recovery
CAFO	Confined Animal Feeding Operation
CWSRF	Clean Water State Revolving Fund
EO	Oregon Executive Order
GIS	Geographic information system
HB	House Bill
ISWR	Instream Water Rights
LUBGWMA	Lower Umatilla Basin Groundwater Management Area
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
OCRF	Oregon Conservation and Recreation Fund
PFA	Private Forest Accord
POA	Point of Appropriation
POD	Point of Diversion
PSP	Pesticide Stewardship Partnership
SB	Senate Bill
SIA	Strategic Implementation Area
SWCD	Soil and Water Conservation District
SWIMS	Surface Water Information Modeling System
TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
WPCF	Waste Pollution Control Facility
WQMP	Water Quality Management Plans



Part 1: Interagency Priorities and Tasks – Agency 2027-29 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 before the next Strategy update, due in eight years. These priorities will require focused resources and attention. Part 1 of the Workplan shows how agencies expect to contribute to priority tasks over the 2027-29 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, 10A, 10F, 13B	10F, 11A-11E, 13B, 13C	11A-11E, 12A-12C, 13B, 13C	8C, 10F, 13B
Agencies*	DSL, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD	OWRD, ODA	DSL, ODEQ, ODFW, OPRD, OWEB, OWRD	BizOR, DLCD, ODA, ODEQ, OHA, OWEB, OWRD	DOGAMI, DSL, ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD
Anticipated Agency Efforts	<p>DSL: Be responsive to complaints and compliance issues with the Removal/Fill Law.</p> <p>ODA: Continue to expand the SIA footprint across the state. Facilitate Area Rules Updates. Maintain schedule for biennial reviews of Ag Water Quality area plans. CAFO Requirements for new and renewing permittees to submit water supply plans.</p> <p>ODEQ: 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>ODFW: Gain fish passage and fish screening compliance, where applicable.</p> <p>OWRD: Update Division 250, 260 & 300 rules. Continue outreach & enforcement for static water level permit condition reporting. Report compliance metrics. Implement Instream Water Right Monitoring and Enforcement MOU between ODFW and OWRD.</p>	<p>OWRD: Implement HB 3372 (2025) regarding exempt use and updated Division 340 rules.</p>	<p>DSL: Expand 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>ODEQ: Pursue designation of waters identified as priority candidates for Outstanding Resource Waters; Develop TMDLs and WQMPs in collaboration with responsible parties. Assist OWRD in updating the Deschutes Mitigation Program.</p> <p>ODFW: Apply for # ISWRs; seek conversion of 21 Willamette minimum perennial streamflows to ISWRs; promote instream flow restoration through water right acquisition and instream transfers/leases continue cold water program; continue the Aquatic Invasive Species Program;</p> <p>OPRD: Review all OPRD water rights to ensure proper utilization and opportunities for conservation.</p> <p>OWEB: Continue offering the Water Acquisition grant program for instream needs and Land Acquisitions for habitat protection and ecosystem processes, including resiliency.</p> <p>OWRD: Update Division 2 and 77 (ISWR Transactions) rules. Scoping for Deschutes Water Bank, HB 3806 (2025). Seek legislative extension & program improvements for Deschutes Groundwater Mitigation Program.</p>	<p>ODA/ODEQ/OHA/OWRD: Implement LUBGWMA Nitrate Reduction Plan</p> <p>ODEQ/OHA/OWRD: Implement SB 1154 (2025) including interagency team participation.</p> <p>BizOR: Continue to manage projects for drinking water source protection funded through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in coordination with OHA and ODEQ.</p> <p>DLCD: Administer new Wetland Technical Assistance Grant Program to support new and updated local wetlands protection programs.</p> <p>ODA: Work with SWCD’s to provide Technical Assistance to landowners. Continue SIA development/monitoring to address Ag water quality concerns. Include drinking water source protection within the SIA selection/development process.</p> <p>ODEQ: 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>OWEB: Continue offering the Water Acquisition grant program.</p> <p>OWRD: Continue well inspections, data collection at monitoring wells, and conduct groundwater use study in the LUBGWMA.</p>	<p>DOGAMI: Develop and implement an electronic permitting system for the Mineral Land Regulation and Reclamation program.</p> <p>DSL: 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>ODEQ: 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. Continue partnership on Division 33 Interagency [water right] Review Team. Complete review form.</p> <p>ODFW: Improve external understanding of ODFW’s Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy; continue participation in the Division 33 Interagency Review Team.</p> <p>OWRD: Implement Water Right Rulemaking (approx. 18 Divisions) to implement HB 3342 and HB 3544 (2025). Track and report water rights process timelines. Identify and implement AR/ASR administrative or permitting improvements. OWRD to work with DSL to explore pathways for water rights for wetland restoration or mitigation projects.</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

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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
IWRS Actions	1A, 3A, 13B	1C, 13B	1A-1D, 2A-2C, 13B	8C, 9A, 9E, 13B	6A, 9D, 13B
Agencies*	OWRD	DLCD, DSL, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD	DLCD, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	DLCD, OWRD
Anticipated Agency Efforts	<p>OWRD: Identify IT staffing and resource gaps and develop strategy to address gaps. Complete SWIMS development. Partner with USGS on developing conceptual statewide water budgets by 2028. 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 surface water PODs on mainstem John Day River. Scope water use reporting improvements and resource needs. Seek resources to implement effective Water Use Reporting program. Continue participation in the Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations (FIRO) project and federal re-allocation associated with the federal dams and reservoirs in the Willamette Basin.</p>	<p>All Agencies: Support Oregon Water Data Portal development, as resources allow.</p> <p>ODA: 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.</p> <p>ODEQ: Transition to Your DEQ Online for all water quality permits. Update and maintain the Ambient Water Quality Monitoring System (AQWMS). Improve accessibility of reports and data-centric applications (e.g., Integrated Report) and improve accessibility of public facing documents, for all audiences, on DEQ's website.</p> <p>ODFW: Scope instream water right tracking dashboard.</p> <p>OWEB: Support the inter-agency development of the Oregon Water Data Portal, including QA/QC.</p> <p>OWRD: Identify IT staffing and resource gaps and develop strategy to address gaps. Scope website modernization.</p>	<p>ODEQ: Develop, issue, and implement TMDLs and water quality management plans; work 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.</p> <p>ODFW: Continue cold water data collection at approximately 700 sites throughout the state and conduct approximately 20 instream flow studies with sister agencies in Western Oregon; Expand instream flow studies to larger systems in collaboration with other agencies.</p> <p>OWRD: Complete the Statewide Groundwater Recharge Study. Continue the Fifteenmile Sub-Basin Study. Provide Technical Assistance Packages (base-level data) for Place-Based Water Planning groups.</p>	<p>DLCD: Continue convening Coastal Resilience Workshops to support peer-learning in coastal communities.</p> <p>ODA: 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 Water Planning workgroups across the state.</p> <p>ODEQ: 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. Provide outreach, technical support, and trainings to promote and leverage funding opportunities for communities to address water quality improvement projects. Support launch of Place-Based Water Planning and help communities plan their water future.</p> <p>ODFW: Provide technical assistance to Water Planning Groups.</p> <p>OWEB: 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.</p> <p>OWRD: Continue to administer Place-Based Water Planning grants and participate in planning including technical assistance.</p>	<p>DLCD & OWRD: Continue pilot update to the OWRD State Agency Coordination agreement to reflect new programs and emerging issues to ensure that OWRD's actions continue to be consistent with the state's planning goals and compatible with local comprehensive plans.</p> <p>OWRD: Participate in advisory committees as needed. Complete the State Agency Coordination (SAC) Agreement and associated Division 5 rules update.</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 3: Adapt to Water Scarcity by Stretching Our Water Supplies

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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 Actions	10B, 10C, 10F, 13B, 13C	7A, 9A, 10A, 13B, 13C	11A-11E, 12A, 13B, 13C	10C, 10F	9C, 10F, 13B
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Anticipated Agency Efforts	<p>BizOR: Administer the Aquifer Recharge Funding Program including disbursement and project management (6 projects).</p> <p>ODA: 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>ODEQ: Establish and coordinate the 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 and ASR projects and finalize Internal Management Directives (IMD) for AR/ASR projects. Identify potential changes to Chapter 340 Division 55 Recycled Water Rules (Creation of Water Reuse Advisory Committee then Rulemaking Advisory Committee). Create of Industrial Reuse Regulations following Div 55 updates.</p> <p>ODFW: Participate in the Interagency Water Reuse Team.</p> <p>OHA: Participate in the Interagency Water Reuse Team.</p> <p>OWEB: 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>OWRD: Provide technical assistance. Participate in the Interagency Reuse Team. Identify resource gaps to address AR/ASR program needs and improvements.</p>	<p>ODA: Expand efforts for informational public meetings and outreach events, focusing on SIA and TMDL development and Area Plan reviews. Utilize SWCD partners to assist with Technical Assistance to landowners for Water Quality projects.</p> <p>OWEB: Continue offering Restoration, Monitoring, and Water Acquisition grants to fund irrigation efficiency and instream flow improvements.</p> <p>OWRD: Continue to provide outreach, technical assistance, and administrations for grant programs (Feasibility Study and Water Projects Grants and Loans and Place-Based Water Planning grants).</p>	<p>ODEQ: 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 within DEQ – Efficiently administer and coordinate water quality funding programs to support the needs of Oregon communities, supporting projects that address water quality improvements, toxics reduction, and investments in water infrastructure including green projects. Serve as lead agency in coordinating drinking water source protection activities with other state and federal agencies. Update regulatory requirements and integrate community engagement planning as required by HB 3293.</p> <p>ODFW: Utilize ODFW’s Statewide Flow Restoration Prioritization assessment to guide PFA, OCRF, and OWEB grant applications ; 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; Participate in the Oregon Environmental Restoration Council and implement Fund.</p> <p>OWEB: Continue offering Water Acquisition, Monitoring, and Restoration grants to improve stream flows.</p> <p>OWRD: Continue to support and increase participation in the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Launch Deschutes Water Bank.</p>	<p>ODEQ: Improve permitting pathways and coordination for aquifer storage and recovery.</p> <p>ODFW: Explore reservoir mitigation options with a focus on the Willamette basin; Improve external understanding of ODFW’s Fish and Wildlife Habitat Mitigation Policy.</p> <p>OWRD: Identify resource gaps to evaluate and increase effectiveness of AR/ASR. Seek resources to develop guidance for above and below ground storage projects. Explore reservoir mitigation options with ODFW with a focus on the Willamette Basin.</p>	<p>ODEQ: Continue to provide technical assistance 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>ODFW: Continue work with partners to identify transfer process improvements that are protective of instream habitat.</p> <p>OWRD: Implement transfer process improvements. Coordination with the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs on transfer injury evaluations in the Deschutes Basin (per water rights settlement agreement).</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 2027-29 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 ([2025 Strategy Framework](#)) represent ongoing agency work through existing programs or new legislative initiatives that support Strategy implementation.

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, ODF, 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, ODF, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD, Actions 1A, 1C)

DOGAMI

- Publish new geologic maps that constrain hydrogeologic models (Actions 1A, 1B, 1C)
- Coordinate the collection and publication of lidar and geophysical data (Actions 1A, 1B, 1C)

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

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- Conduct WQ Standards reviews and rule revisions to establish or update scientifically based water quality standards based on the most up to date scientific data and information (Action 1A)
- Develop the biennial Integrated Report based on the most up to date scientific data and information (Action 1A)
- Produce a statewide surface water quality status and trends report in each odd numbered year (Action 1A)
- Develop and implement TMDL monitoring plans (Action 1A)
- Continue monitoring efforts to collect water quality samples which are stored and accessed through the Ambient Water Quality Monitoring System (AWQMS) (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 Water Planning efforts across the state (Action 1C)
- Continue data collection for the Groundwater Protection Program and Groundwater Monitoring Program (Action 1A, 1B)

ODFW

- Continue USGS contract to operate and maintain drought-package funded real-time discharge and water temperature gages (Action 1A)
- 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 Water Project Grants and Loans program including irrigation modernization and associated water use measurement and reporting (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, 12A, 12B, 12C)

ODEQ

- Review water right applications subject to OAR 690-033 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 (WQMPs) (Action 2A)
- Assess capacity limitations for Instream Water Right Applications (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 (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 and 401 Hydroelectric project certification issuance, implementation, and modification. (ODEQ, ODFW, ODOE, OWRD, Action 4A)
- Agency participation in the Outdoor School to teach the next generation about water stewardship (ODEQ, OWRD, Action 8A)

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)

DOGAMI

- Ensure that the permitting of wells for energy resource extraction considers water quality and quantity needs and impacts (Action 4A)
- Map geologic hazard areas (seismic, tsunami flood, channel migration, landslide, post-fire debris flow, coastal erosion, and more) and perform risk assessments to identify populations, buildings, transportation routes, utility lines, levees, and other infrastructure at risk (Actions 5A, 5B, 5C, 7C, 8D)
- Assist communities in preparing for a Cascadia earthquake and tsunami event by producing supplementary maps, such as evacuation maps, and participating in Cascadia Region Earthquake Science Center working groups and research (Actions 5C, 8C)
- Provide best available scientific information to inform state and local Natural Hazard Mitigation, Emergency, Land Use, Transportation, Comprehensive Plans, and more (Action 6A)
- Produce GIS databases that compile historical flood information and flood datasets (Actions 5B, 6A)
- Manage an internship program that provides research experience for undergraduate, graduate, and recently graduated students (Action 8B)
- Conduct public outreach and education on geology and natural hazards (Action 8C)
- Coordinate and collaborate with state, federal, industry, tribal partners to develop research projects (Action 8D)

DLCD

- Administer the Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program, award over \$3 million in grants and manage grant agreements (Action 6B)

DSL

- 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) and review discharge monitoring reports to ensure adherence to individual and general permit requirements that protect and/or improve the quality of receiving waters and protect the beneficial uses of those waters (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 operators (Actions 8B, 8C)

- Support communities seeking funding for water quality projects by maximizing shared outreach efforts and materials about funding opportunities, increase staff training and coordination regarding funding programs, and seek 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)
- Participate in the implementation of EO 25-26 to prioritize and increase the pace and scale of adoption of climate resilient strategies into existing state programs to deliver benefits for communities and ecosystems (Actions 1D, 5A, 5B, 6A, 10A, 11A)
- Issuance and modification of water quality certifications for federally licensed hydropower projects (Action 4A)
- Implementation of water quality certifications for hydroelectric projects (Action 4A)
- Review decommissioning and dam removal activities for water quality certification or appropriate compliance and implementation. (Action 4A, 7A)

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

- Implement Oregon's Energy Strategy (Action 4A, 4C)
- Provide ongoing support for the Oregon Climate Action Commission (Action 4C)
- Develop an understanding of data centers existing and future energy and water usage, and existing and emerging energy efficiency and water efficiency technologies and practices (and tradeoffs between them), to inform policy options from a cross disciplinary perspective (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)

OWRD

- Conduct dam safety inspections, design reviews, and Emergency Planning & Response exercises (Actions 5B, 7A, 7C)
- School Team continues to provide support and resources for agency staff for outreach and engagement with elementary to middle-school aged children (Action 8A)
- Develop and use 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:

- Participate in the State-Tribal Water Policy Forum (DLCD, DSL, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD, Action 9C)
- Continue supporting water planning in the Chewaucan, Deschutes, and Walla Walla Basins (OWRD, ODEQ, ODFW, Actions 9A, 9B, 9C, 9D, 9E)
- Continue supporting 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; seek options to increase inspection locations (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

- Participate in interagency coordination meetings including State Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team, Oregon Silver Jackets, Water Core Team, and those with Tribal partners (Action 9C)
- Within existing capacity, prioritize field inspections and increase the number of mine site inspections that occur each year (Actions 10E, 10F)
- Seek regulatory compliance in surface mining, exploration, drilling, and site reclamation with permittees (Action 10F)

DLCD

- Lead updates for State Agency Coordination (SAC) Programs (Action 9D)
- 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 WQMPs (Actions 12B, 12C)
- Work with designated management agencies on water quality implementation plans for TMDLs and WQMPs (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 effects (Actions 9D, 10C)
- Summarize and analyze the permitting and regulatory barriers to reuse projects (HB 2169, 2025) (Actions 9D, 10B)
- Implement SB 830 (2025) for onsite septic fund expansion (Actions 12A-12C, 13C)
- Enhance DEQ's septic operation and maintenance (O&M) reporting process (Actions 12A-12C, 13C).
- Revamp the Septic Smart program tied to EPA funding for the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA) (Actions 12A-12C, 13C)

ODF

- 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 educational/outreach programs (Actions 1A, 8C, 9B, 11D, 12B, 12C, 13C)

ODFW

- Support voluntary actions in the State Wildlife Action Plan (Actions 11A-11D)
- Develop an updated Action Plan for Beaver-Modified Landscapes (Action 11A)
- Implement the statewide streamflow restoration prioritization (Action 11B)

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)

OWRD

- Implement program improvements for the Water Well Abandonment, Repair, and Replacement Fund (WARRF) (Actions 7A, 13C)
- Update the municipal Water Management and Conservation Plan guidebook (Action 10A)
- Continue administering grant programs that fund feasibility, planning, and project implementation (Actions 7A, 7C, 9A, 10A, 13C)