

An aerial photograph of a river with rapids. The water is dark blue and turbulent, with white foam from the rapids. The banks are lined with dense green trees and some grassy areas. The overall scene is natural and scenic.

Willamette Basin Review

Reservoir Study

Status Update

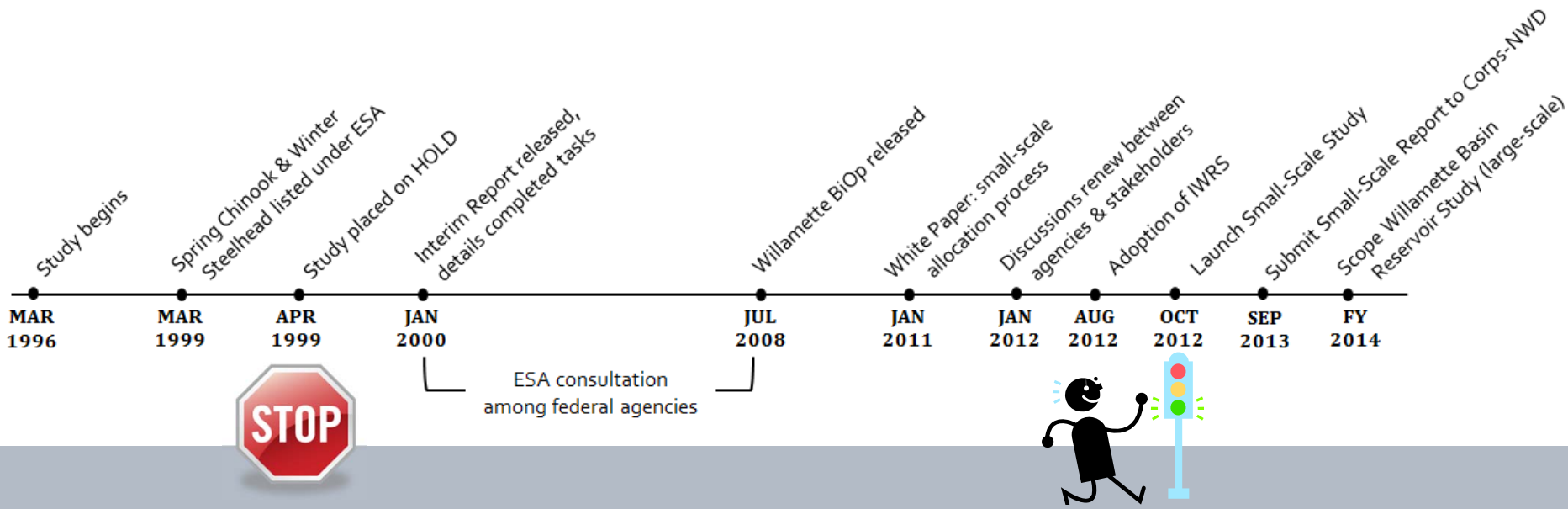
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Dr. Brenda Bateman
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Water Resources Commission Meeting
August 8, 2013

Outline

- **Background**
- **FY13 efforts (Oct. 2012 – Sept. 2013)**
- **Progress to date**
- **WaterSMART Basin Study Program**
- **Next Steps**

Background



FY 13 Efforts

- 499 acre-feet in Coast Fork Willamette sub-basin
- Would support municipal and industrial needs downstream
- Partners contributed funds and in-kind services
- Major task: develop a system-wide price for purchasing storage



Progress to Date

- In May, 60% draft report provided to OWRD for review
- Corps has developed a draft price, using a system-wide method
- Drafting a white paper, seeking approval from the Asst. Secretary of the Army of Civil Works, to use this methodology
- 90% draft report available for public review in August

Progress to Date (cont.)

Stakeholder Meeting (July 22, 2013)

- Well attended, with diverse interests represented

Corps of Engineers
Water Resource Department
Bureau of Reclamation
National Marine Fisheries Service
Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife
City of Hillsboro
Eugene Water and Electric Board
Geosyntec Consultants
GSI Water Solutions
HDR Engineering

League of Oregon Cities
McMinnville Water & Light
North Santiam Watershed Council
Oregon Association of Nurseries
Oregon Farm Bureau
Oregon Water Resources Congress
Oregon Water Utilities Council
Santiam Water Control District
The Nature Conservancy
U.S. Senator Merkley's Office

- Shared modeling and system pricing results with stakeholders
- Discussed potential for WaterSMART Program

WaterSMART Basin Study Program

- *Fall 2012*
Interest in WaterSMART
- *January 2013*
OWRD submits letter of interest
- *March 2013*
Proposal submitted, with letters of support from agencies and stakeholders
- *May 2013*
Willamette selected for “Plan of Study”

Letters of Support

Association of Oregon Counties
League of Oregon Cities
Oregon Assoc. of Nurseries
The Freshwater Trust
Oregon Environmental Council
Oregon Water Resources Congress
Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
Oregon Farm Bureau
Oregon Water Utility Council
Santiam Water Control District
Special Districts Assoc. of Oregon
Tualatin Valley Water District
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
WaterWatch of Oregon
Willamette Water 2100

Next Steps

- **September WaterSMART workshop with stakeholders**
 - Begin initial stages of Plan of Study, continue through Fall/Winter
 - Decide whether to pursue full Basin Study
 - Possibly explore other funding options (SB1069, SB839), if needed
- **FY14 Activities include:**
 - Finalize system pricing white paper & obtain small-scale report approval
 - Transfer storage certificate (499 ac-feet only)
 - Execute M&I storage contract
 - Continue public and basin coordination (e.g., stakeholder meetings)
 - Develop detailed Project Management Plan for full scale study

A scenic view of a river with rapids in the foreground and a forested bank in the background. The water is dark blue and turbulent, with white foam from the rapids. The background shows a dense forest of green trees along the riverbank. The text "Thank You" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Thank You