

Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning



Helping Oregon communities plan for their current and future water needs

**Update on Place-Based Planning
November 15, 2018**

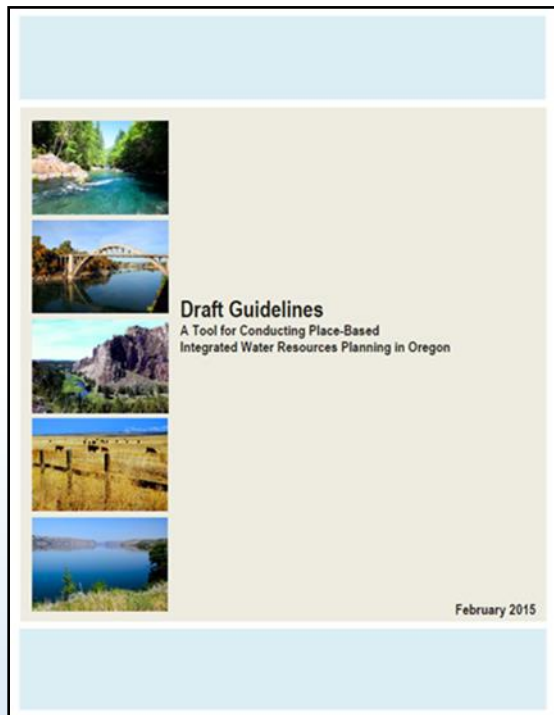
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Origins of Place-Based Planning

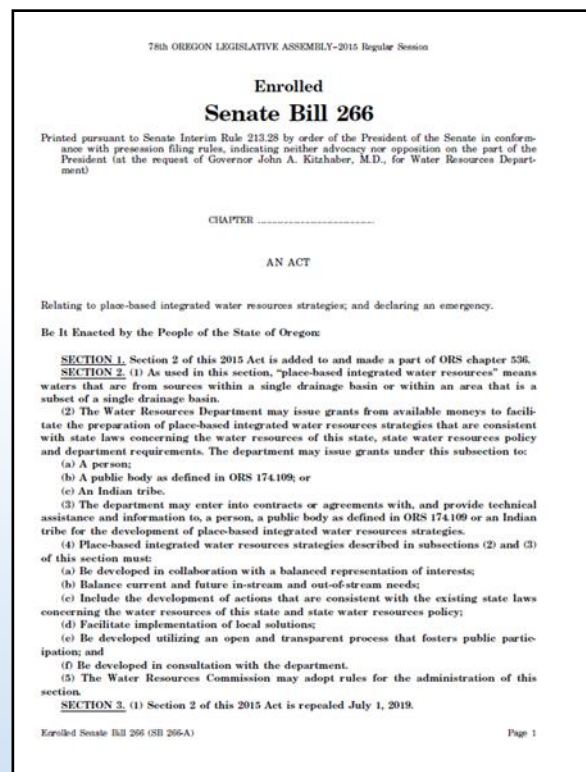
Oregon's 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy



2017 IWRS



2015 Draft Guidelines



2015 Senate Bill 266

Key Planning Principles

- Developed in ***collaboration*** with a balanced representation of interests
- ***Balance*** current and future ***instream*** and ***out-of-stream*** water needs
- Actions consistent with ***state law and policy***
- Facilitate implementation of ***local solutions***
- Use an ***open*** and ***transparent*** process that fosters ***public participation***
- Be developed in consultation with the Department

Five Planning Steps

Step 1 - Build a collaborative and inclusive process

Step 2 – Characterize water resources and identify knowledge gaps

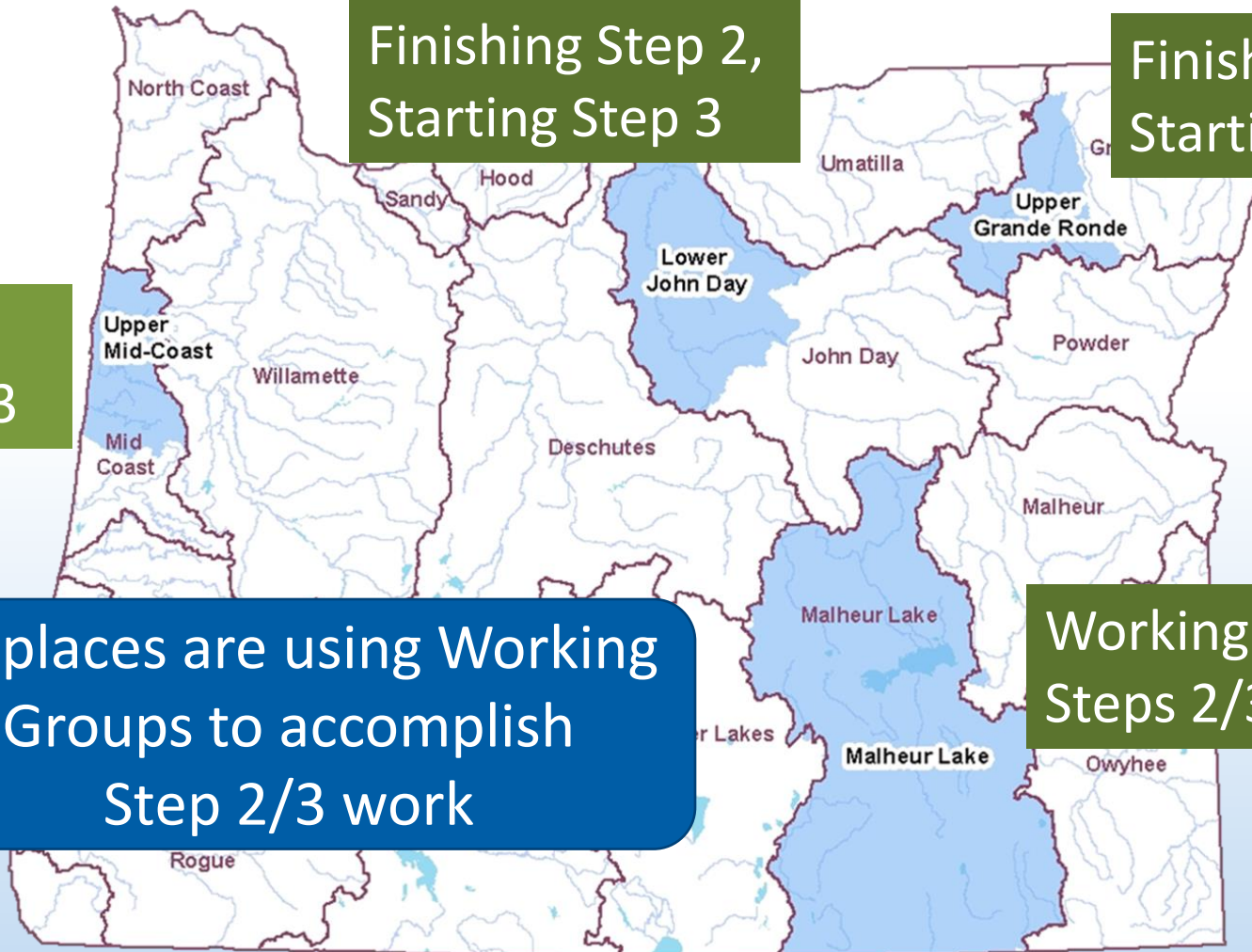
Step 3 - Determine current and future water supply needs/vulnerabilities

Step 4 - Identify integrated solutions to meet needs

Step 5 - Develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan

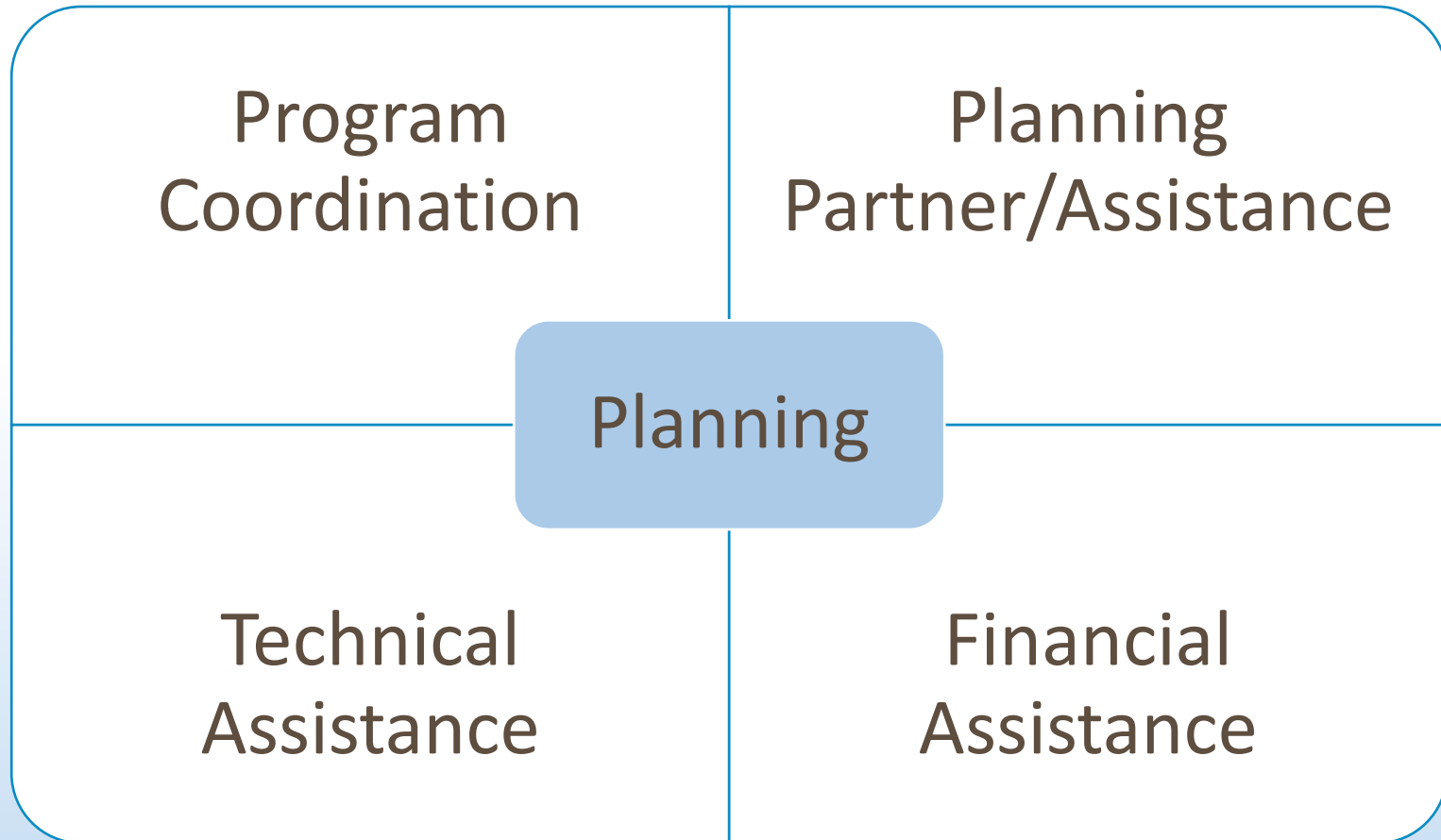


Four Places Funded



All places are using Working Groups to accomplish Step 2/3 work

WRD Roles in Place-Based Planning

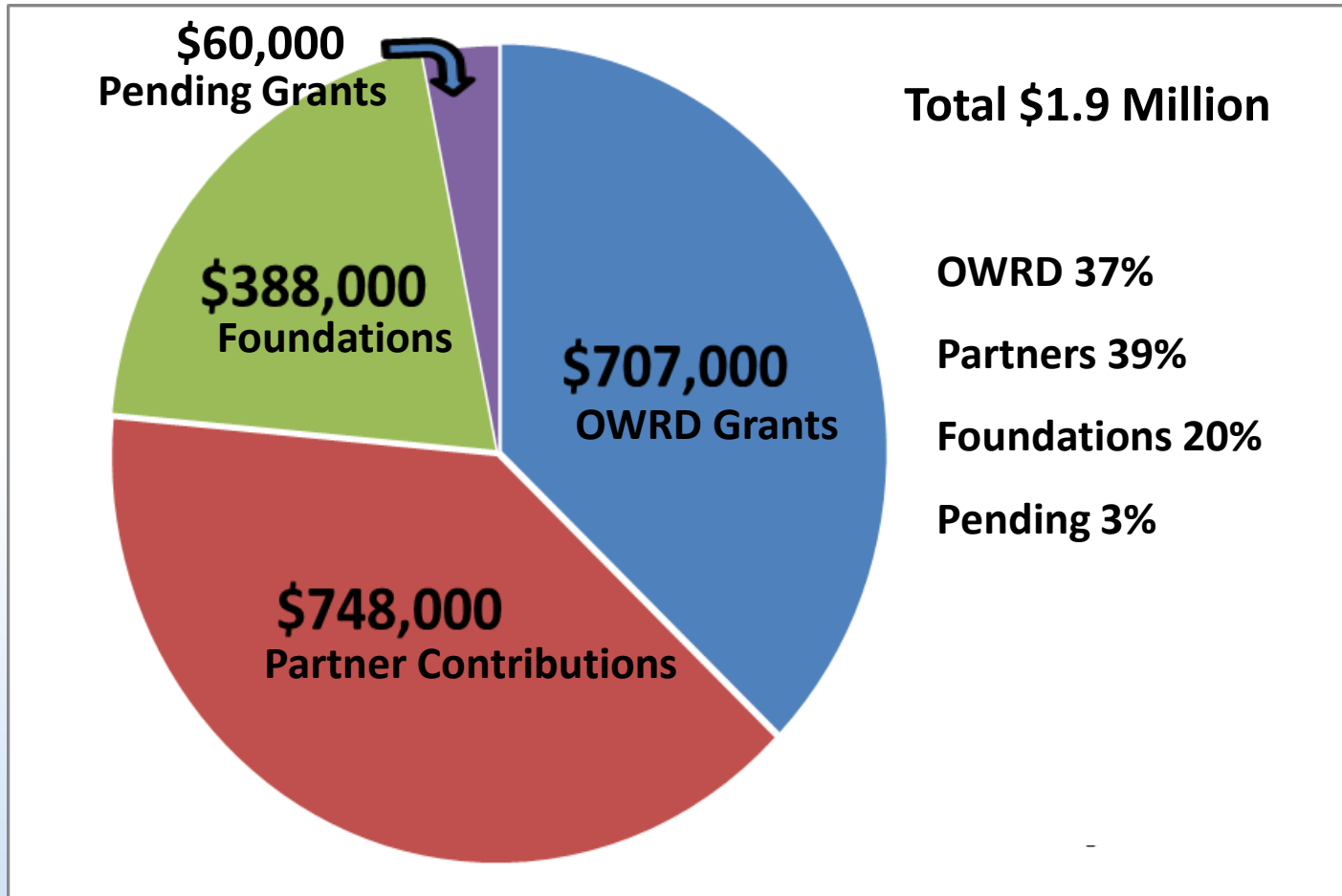


Program Coordination

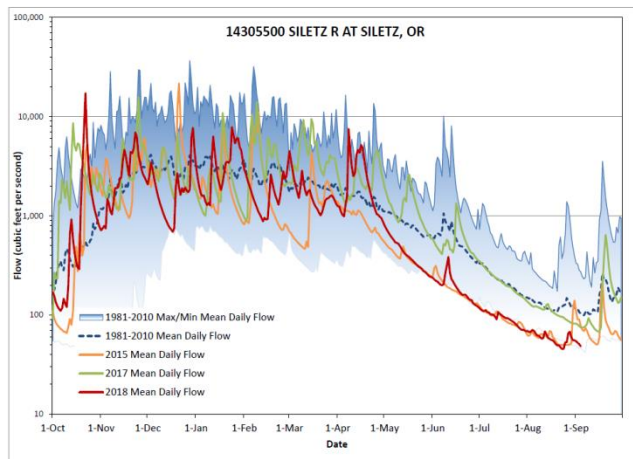
- Ford Family Foundation's Institute for Community Building
- \$10,000 grants from Ford to each planning group



Financial Assistance for Planning



Funds & contributions secured or pending by June 30, 2018



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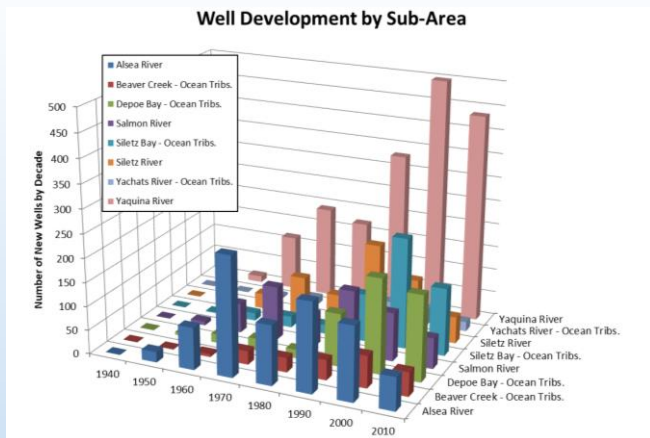
Lower John Day Basin *State of the Basin Report*



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UPPER GRANDE RONDE RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP
PLACE-BASED INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES PLANNING

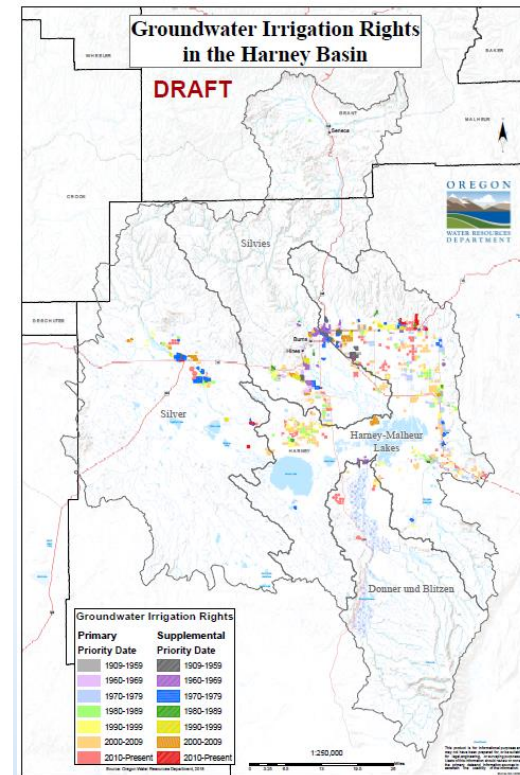
UNION COUNTY, OREGON
STATE OF WATER RESOURCES REPORT

February 2018

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Planning Partner/Assistance

“One of the biggest outcomes I hope for is that we can all, as a region, look at and address our water issues as a whole rather than as individual people or organizations just focusing on our own individual issues and needs.” — Scott Andry, City of Waldport



Lesson 1: Planning Benefits

The planning process is already providing significant benefits to the participants, including agencies.

- Greater understanding of water resources in general
- Greater awareness of regional shared water challenges
- Improved communication & information sharing around water
- New relationships with water partners
- Greater access to technical information

Lesson 2: Trust & Understanding

Building trust and creating a shared understanding necessary to collaboratively develop a place-based plan takes more time and funding than originally estimated.

- Lack of sufficient funding
- Not enough capacity to do the work
- Lack of public awareness and support
- Not enough time to do the work

Lesson 3: Information Sharing

Information sharing between agencies and communities is vitally important to planning and there is opportunity for improvement.



Lesson 4: Plans Inform Investments

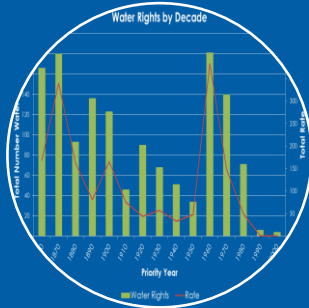
The planning process and resulting plans will help inform future strategic investments by communities, the State, and others to help meet current and long-term water needs.



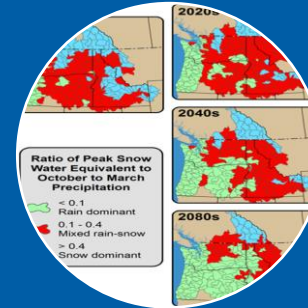
Making Progress on the IWRS



1 Understand
Water
Resources
Today



2 Understand
Instream and
Out-of-Stream
Needs



3 Understand
the Coming
Pressures



4 Meet
Oregon's
Instream and
Out-of-Stream
Needs



Planning Group Speakers



Mid-Coast –

Tim Gross, City of Newport Public Works Director

Alan Fujishin, Gibson Farms Owner

Lower John Day –

Lee Rahr, Sustainable Northwest

Malheur Lake –

Mark Owens, Harney County Commissioner

Brenda Smith, Harney County Watershed Council