

Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Plans



An Overview of the Process for State-Recognition of Place-Based Plans

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Presentation Outline

- Place-Based Planning Background
- 2019 Review and 2020 Preview
- Development of Planning Step 5 Guidance
- Commission Recognition of Final Plans
- Questions and Discussion
- Guest Planning Group Speakers

Help Address Oregon's Instream and Out- of-Stream Water Needs



Placed-Based Planning

Plan & identify
actions



Feasibility Study Grants

Investigate
feasibility



Water Project Grants & Loans

Implement

Origins of Place-Based Planning

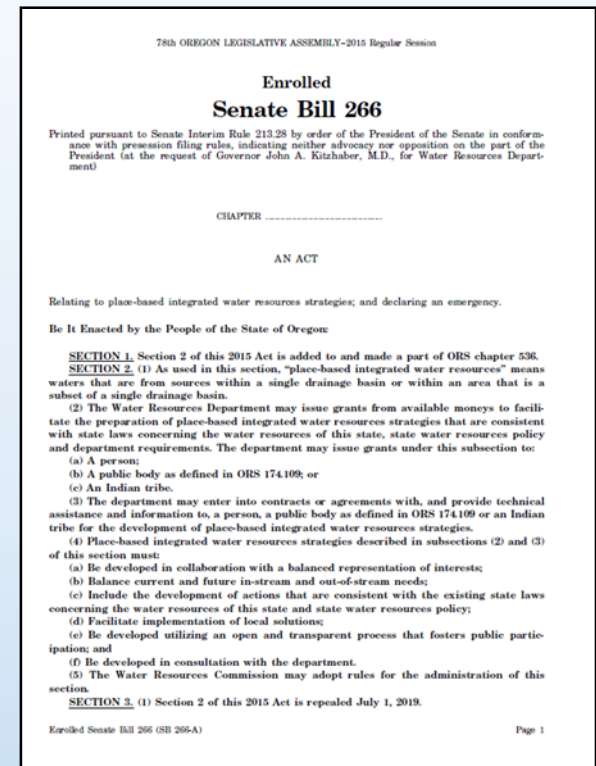
Oregon's 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy



2012 + 2017 IWRS



2015 Draft Guidelines



2015 Senate Bill 266

Five Planning Steps

Step 1 - Build a collaborative and inclusive process

Step 2 – Characterize current conditions and identify knowledge gaps

Step 3 - Determine current and future needs and vulnerabilities

Step 4 - Identify integrated solutions to meet needs

Step 5 - Develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan



Planning Step Status of Four Places



Working
on Step 3

Finishing Step 3,
Starting Step 4

Working on Step 4

Finishing Steps 2/3,
Working on Step 4

2019 Highlights

- Planning efforts extended to 2023 (HB 2084)
- Additional \$550,000 for the 2019-21 biennium
- Place-Based Learning Partnership with the Ford Family Foundation Community Building Institute
- Technical assistance delivered
- Planning Step 5 Guidance developed
- Progress made by Planning Groups

2019 Highlights



2020 Preview

First Plan –
Upper Grande
Ronde anticipated
in summer/fall



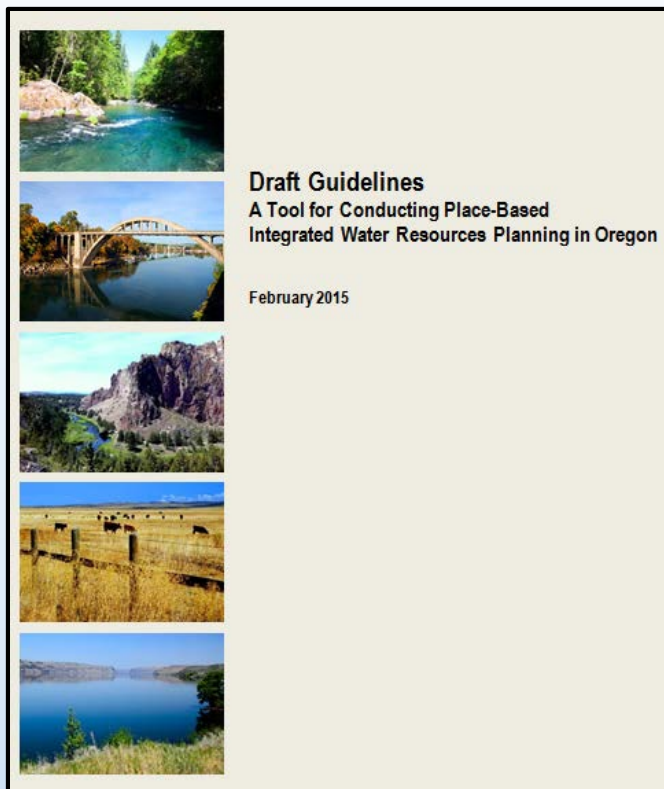
Second Plan –
Lower John Day
anticipated in
winter



Evaluation of the Pilot Phase

Statewide Planning Needs Assessment

State Recognition Process

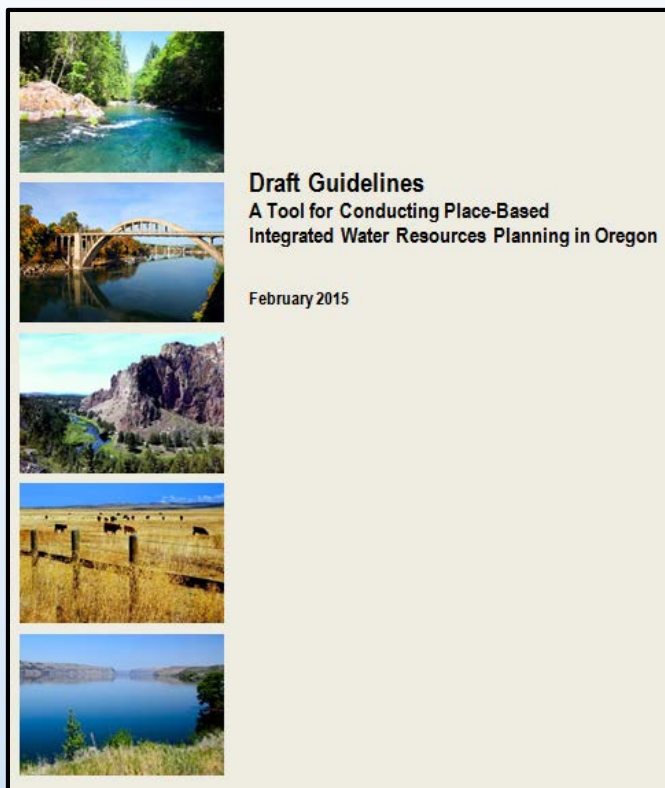


“The Department, working closely with the IWRS Project Team Agencies – namely DEQ, ODFW, and ODA – will conduct an inter-agency review of each place-based plan during the final stages of plan development.”

State Recognition Process

“The [...] Commission will ultimately make the final decision about whether to formally accept a place-based plan as a component of the [IWRS]”

“The [...] Commission will decide whether the plan *adheres to the Draft Place-Based Planning Guidelines and statewide [IWRS] goals* of meeting instream and out-of-stream water needs”



Step 5 Guidance Development

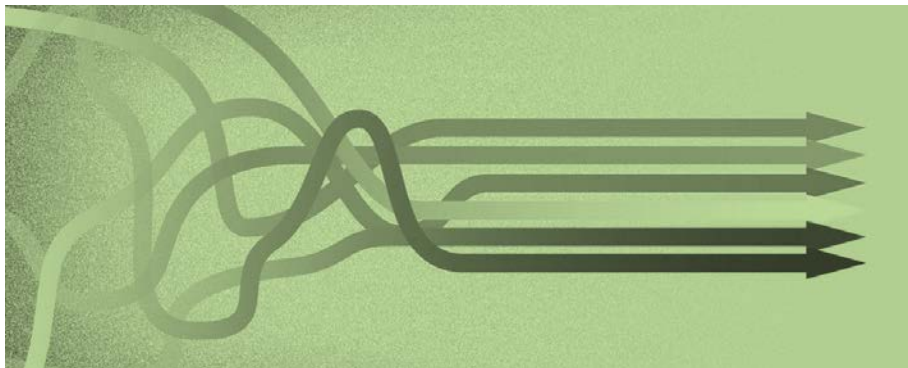
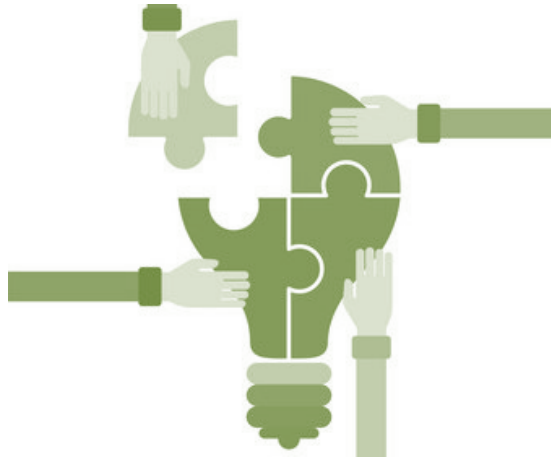
- Collaboratively developed with agencies, led by WRD
- Input and feedback sought from agencies and places
- *DRAFT* Guidance distributed in September 2019
- Now seeking Commission input

*See Attachment 2 in Agenda Item L staff report

Step 5 Guidance Organization

- Introduction
- Purpose and Value of a Plan
- Developing the Plan
- State Agency Review of Draft Plan
- Adoption of Final Plan by Planning Group
- Commission Recognition of Final Plan
- Appendix A: Example Plan Template
- Appendix B: State Agency Review Criteria
- Appendix C: Links to Funding Sources

Purpose and Value of a Plan



Required Plan Contents

- Executive Summary
- Planning Purpose
- Planning Scope
- Plan Development Process
- Understanding Water Resources
- Current and Future Water Needs
- Data Gaps
- Critical Water Issues
- Solutions or Recommended Actions
- Plan Implementation Strategy

Evolution of a Plan

Planning Steps
1-5 (Agencies
involved as
partners)



DRAFT FINAL
Plan Approved
by Consensus of
Planning Group



Inter-Agency
Review



Implementation



Commission
Review – State
Recognition



FINAL Plan
Approved by
Consensus of
Planning Group

State Agency Review of Draft Plan

WHY

To provide feedback to planning group and make a recommendation to the Commission regarding state recognition

WHO

Combination of statewide and field staff from WRD, ODFW, DEQ, ODA, OWEB

HOW

Using review criteria & worksheets

State Agency Review Criteria

Answer several key questions:

- Did the planning group follow the Draft Guidelines and planning principles?
- Does the plan include the required contents?
- Does the plan make sense?
- Should the Commission recognize the plan?

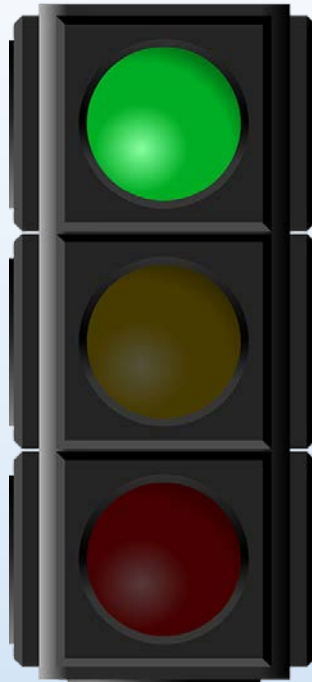
Recommendation to the Commission Regarding State
Recognition

Commission Decision

Commission will consider:

- Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Plan
- Planning Group presentation
- Agency Review Team recommendation
- Letters of Support
- Public Comments

Potential Commission Outcomes



- YES to State Recognition
- YES to State Recognition pending modifications
- NO to State Recognition

Commission Recognition

The Guidance suggests the Commission will memorialize its recognition of a Plan through a formal, signed resolution.

Information from State recognized Plans will be included in future IWRS updates.

Questions and
discussion?
Thank you!

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Planning Group Updates

- Lower John Day – Hannah Fatland
- Upper Grande Ronde – Donna Beverage
- Mid-Coast – Tim Gross and Adam Denlinger
- Harney – Rianne BeCraft