# 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



# Water Resources Development Program

# Help Address Oregon's Instream and Outof-Stream Water Needs



Placed-Based Planning

Plan & identify actions



Feasibility Study
Grants

Investigate feasibility

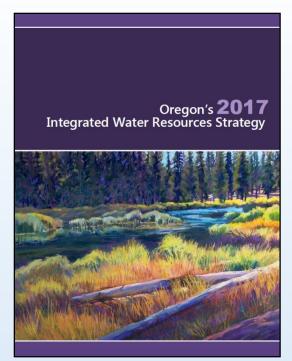


Water Project Grants & Loans

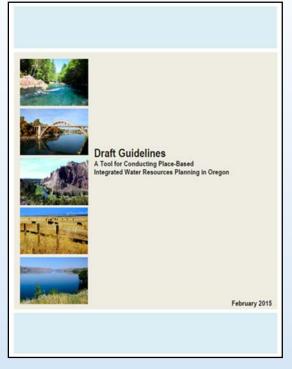
**Implement** 



### Origins of Place-Based Planning



2012 + 2017**IWRS** 



**2015 Draft Guidelines** 

78th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY-2015 Regular Session

### Enrolled Senate Bill 266

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CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to place-based integrated water resources strategies; and declaring an emergency

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2015 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 536. SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section, "place-based integrated water resources" means waters that are from sources within a single drainage basin or within an area that is a subset of a single drainage basin.

(2) The Water Resources Department may issue grants from available moneys to facilitate the preparation of place-based integrated water resources strategies that are consistent with state laws concerning the water resources of this state, state water resources policy and department requirements. The department may issue grants under this subsection to:

- (b) A public body as defined in ORS 174.109; or
- (c) An Indian tribe.
- (3) The department may enter into contracts or agreements with, and provide technical sistance and information to, a person, a public body as defined in ORS 174.109 or an Indian tribe for the development of place-based integrated water resources strategies.
- (4) Place-based integrated water resources strategies described in subsections (2) and (3) of this section must:
  - (a) Be developed in collaboration with a balanced representation of interests;
  - (b) Balance current and future in-stream and out-of-stream needs;
- (c) Include the development of actions that are consistent with the existing state laws concerning the water resources of this state and state water resources policy; (d) Facilitate implementation of local solutions;
- (e) Be developed utilizing an open and transparent process that fosters public partie-
- (f) Be developed in consultation with the department. (5) The Water Resources Commission may adopt rules for the administration of this

SECTION 3. (1) Section 2 of this 2015 Act is repealed July 1, 2019

Enrolled Senate Bill 266 (SB 266-A)

**2015 Senate Bill 266** 

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### Five Planning Steps

Step 1 - Build a collaborative and inclusive process

Step 2 – Characterize current conditions and identify knowledge gaps

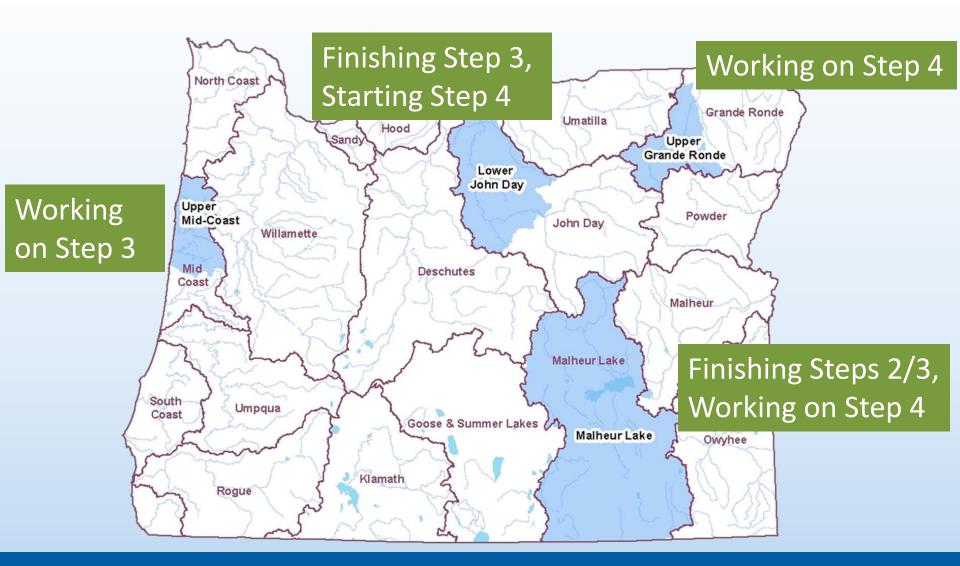
Step 3 - Determine current and future needs and vulnerabilities

Step 4 - Identify integrated solutions to meet needs

Step 5 - Develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan



### Planning Step Status of Four Places





# 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

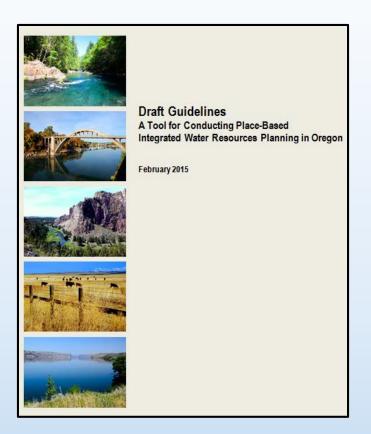


### **Evaluation of the Pilot Phase**

Statewide Planning Needs Assessment



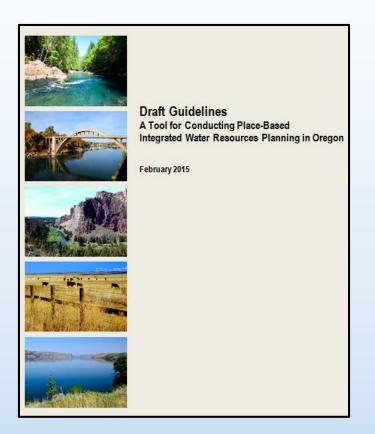
# State Recognition Process



"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

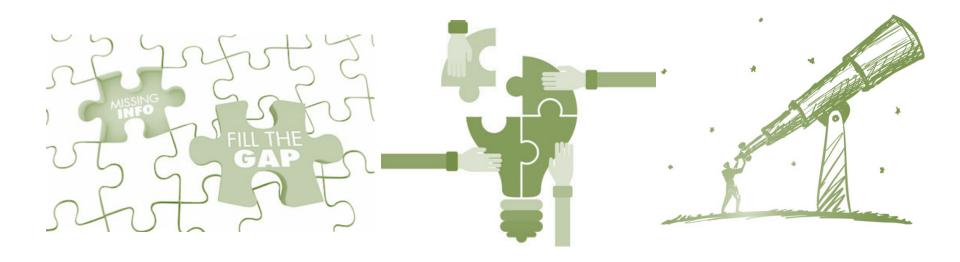


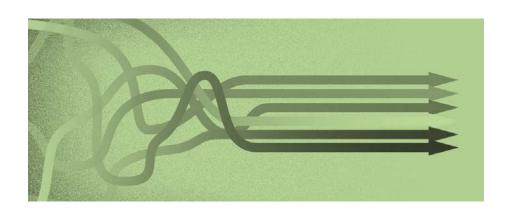
# Step 5 Guidance Organization

- 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 ImplementationStrategy



### 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



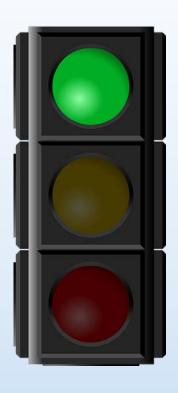
### Commission Decision

### 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!





## Planning Group Updates

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