

Agenda Item D – Informational Report

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Update on Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning

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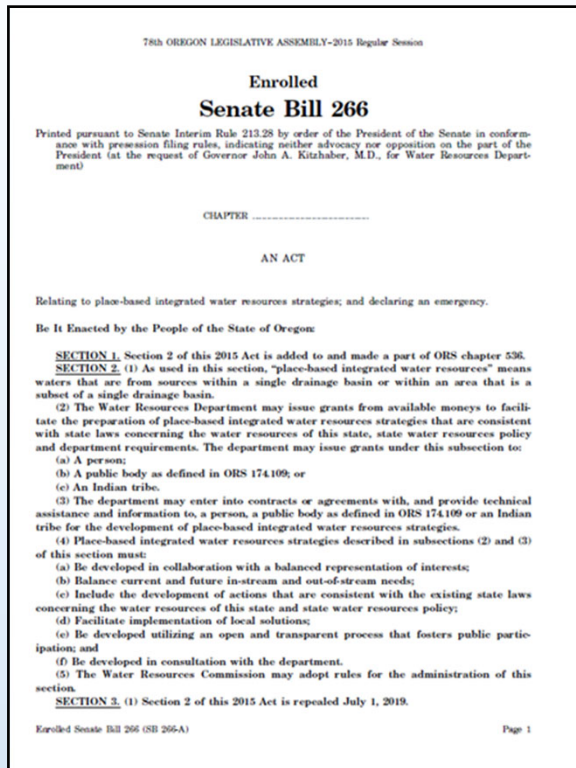


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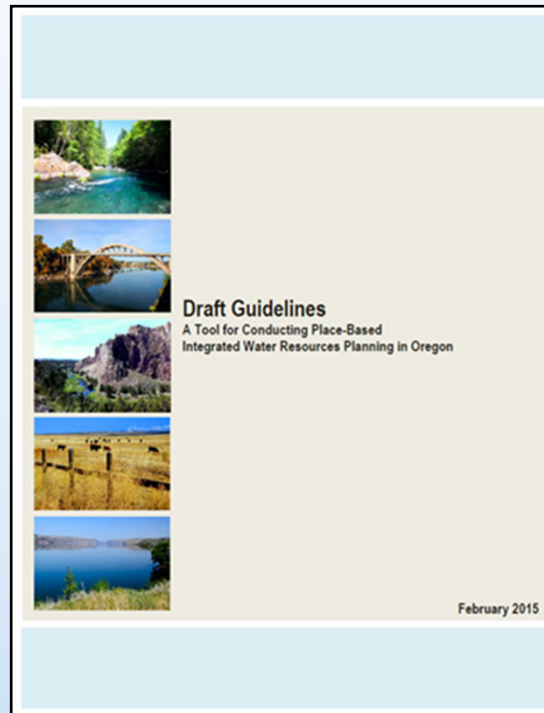
- Commission Recognition of Final Plans
- Learning Partnership
- Planning Assessment Status
- Scope of the Independent Evaluation
- Planning Group Updates



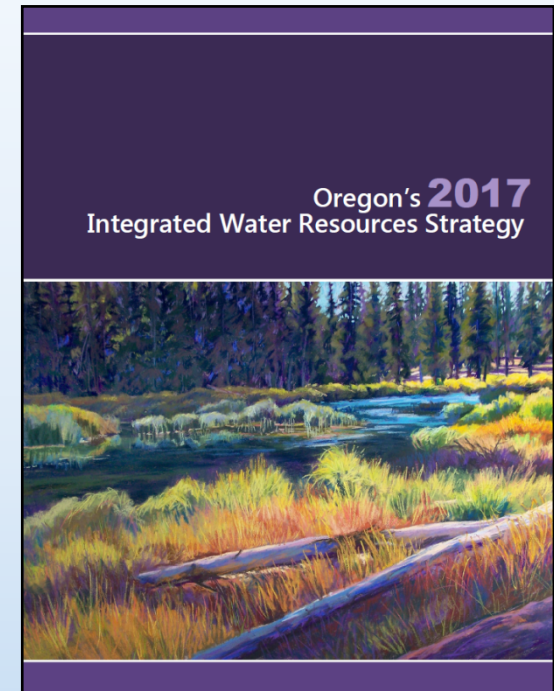
Origins of Place-Based Planning



2015 Senate Bill 266



2015 Draft Guidelines



2012 and 2017 IWRS

IWRS Recommended Action 9.A.

Continue to Undertake Place-Based Planning

Examples of how to implement this action:

- Promote success by continuing to support current places....
- Continue to provide financial and technical assistance....
- Promote peer-to-peer learning....
- Assess and review efforts thus far....

See Page 118 of 2017 IWRS

Five Planning Steps

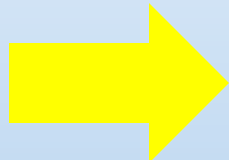
Step 1 - Build a collaborative and inclusive process

Step 2 – Characterize current conditions and identify knowledge gaps

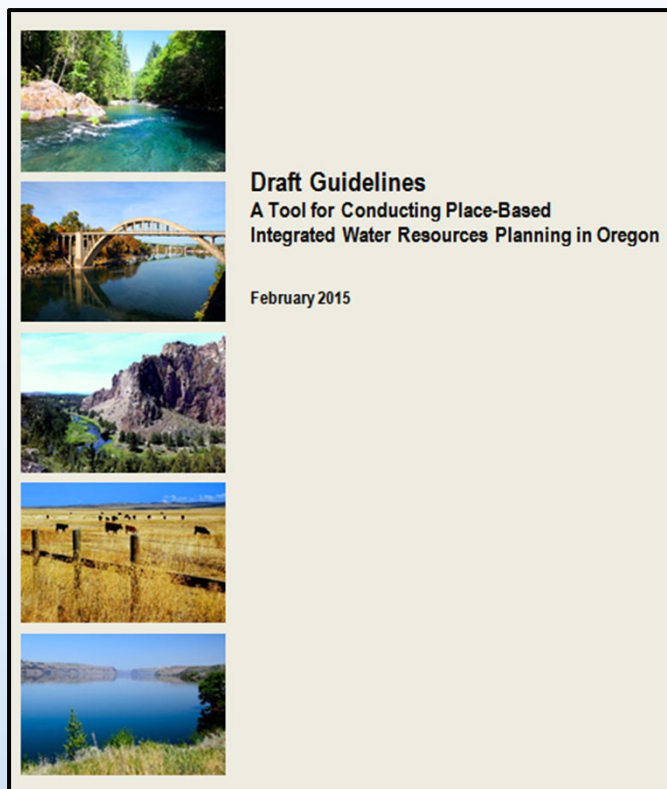
Step 3 - Determine current and future needs and vulnerabilities

Step 4 - Identify integrated solutions to meet needs

Step 5 – Adopt and implement Plan



State Recognition Process



- State agencies review a Draft Plan
- Commission Recognition of the Final Plan if it *adheres to the Draft Guidelines and statewide [IWRS] goals*

Step 5 Guidance Development

- Developed with agency and planning group input
- *Draft Guidance* distributed and presented to Commission in November 2019
- Includes Guidance for Agency Review and Commission Recognition

PLACE-BASED INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES
PLANNING
Planning Step 5 DRAFT Guidance
September 13, 2019

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Steps to Commission Recognition

1. State agencies review Draft Plan
2. Planning Group adoption of a Final Plan
3. Scheduled on Commission agenda
4. Final Plan and Staff Report posted
5. Planning Group presentation to Commission
6. Public comments
7. Commission consideration and motion

Commission Considerations



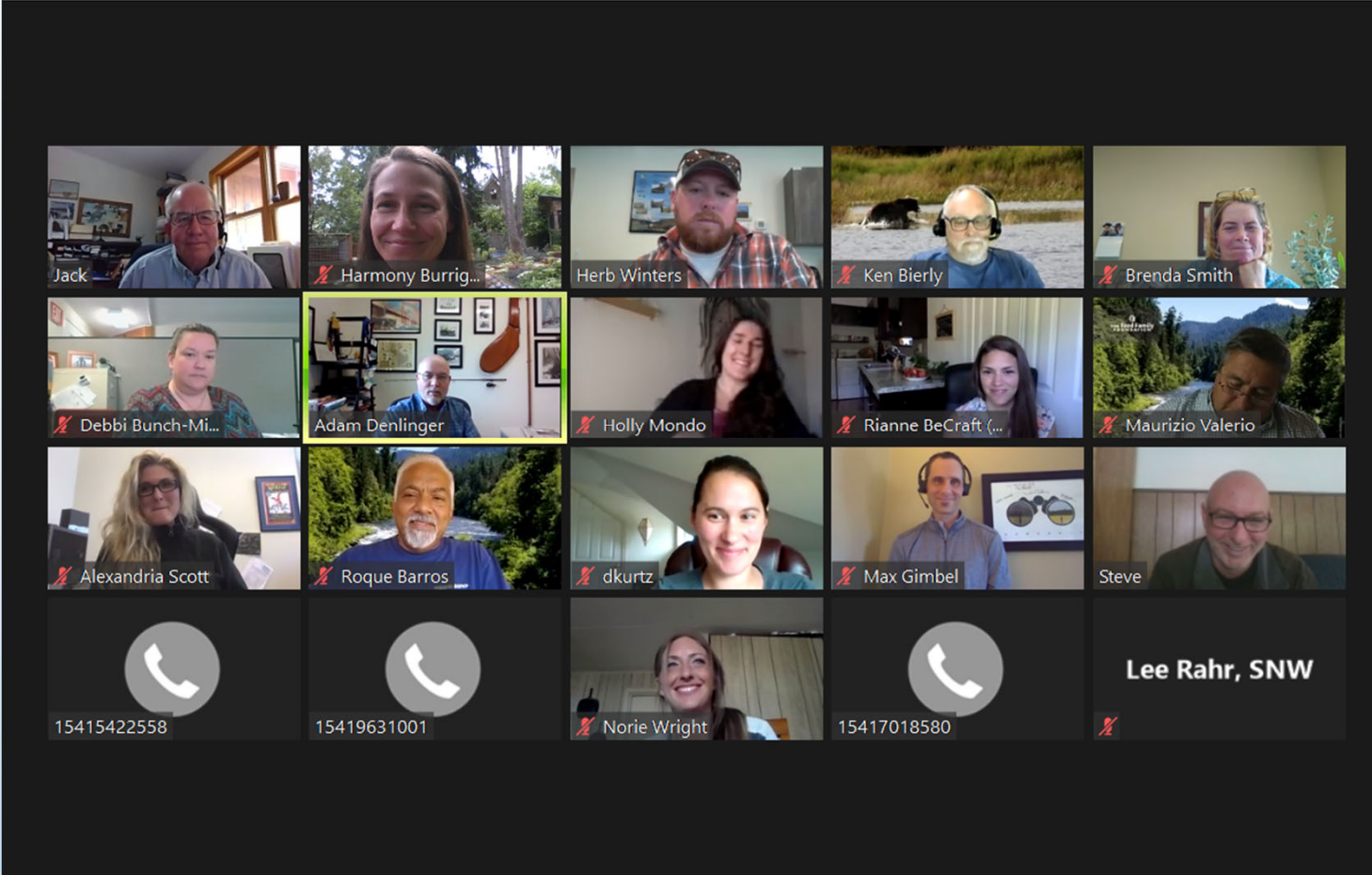


Commission Considerations

- Place-Based Final Plan
- Planning Group Presentation
- State Agencies Recommendation
- Letters of Support
- Public Comments

Learning Partnership

Zoom Meeting



A screenshot of a Zoom meeting grid showing 20 participants in a 4x5 layout. The participants are: Row 1: Jack, Harmony Burring..., Herb Winters, Ken Bierly, Brenda Smith; Row 2: Debbi Bunch-Mi..., Adam Denlinger, Holly Mondo, Rianne BeCraft (...), Maurizio Valerio; Row 3: Alexandria Scott, Roque Barros, dkurtz, Max Gimbel, Steve; Row 4: 15415422558, 15419631001, Norie Wright, 15417018580, Lee Rahr, SNW. Each tile includes a video thumbnail and a name label with a mute icon.

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Planning Assessment

How can we structure and support future planning to meet instream and out-of-stream water needs and strategically guide investments?

A. OWRD role and responsibilities



B. Learn from others in and out of Oregon



C. Evaluate past and current planning



D. Assess status, assets, and needs



E. Together, design future approach

A. OWRD role and responsibilities

14 key findings

- Responsibility to devise and promote plans and programs
- 60 different plans mentioned
- Role varies depending on plan
- Authority to conduct and support basin planning
- No clear and consistent framework or approach described
- Link between planning and other functions not always clear



B. Learn from others in and out of Oregon

- Literature Review
 - Public perceptions about water management may be influenced by whether they feel *informed of* or *involved in* decisions. (Sinner et. al. 2016)
- Expert Interviews
 - “Partner trust and great facilitation led to Yakima Basin success”
- State Comparison
 - The planning program origin and purpose drives variables such as funding, staffing, planning participants, requirements, and state approval

C. Evaluate past and current planning



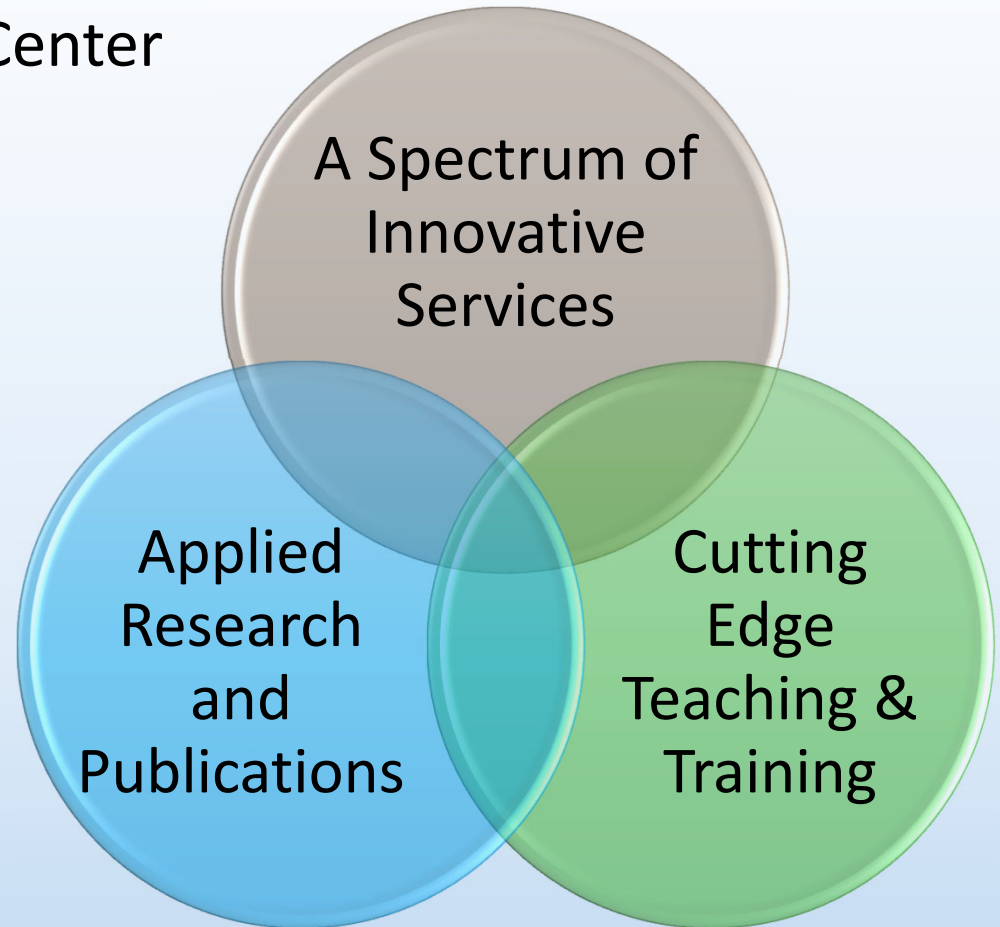
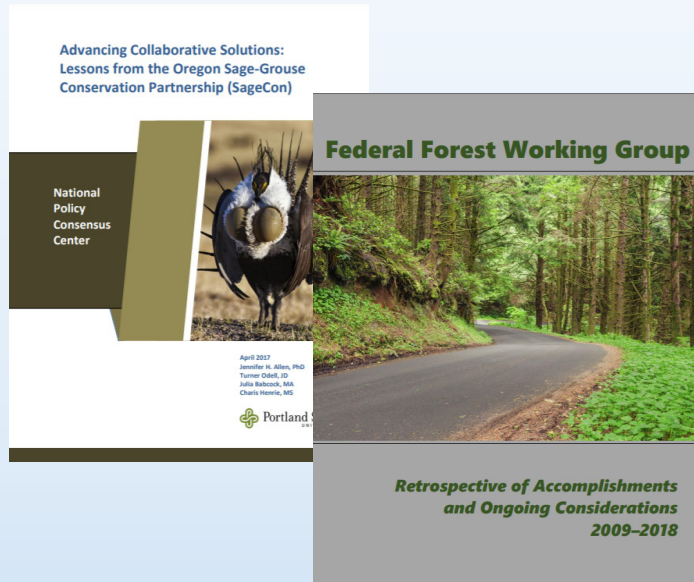
Evaluation of place-based planning

Evaluation of the pilot phase of place-based planning

- 3 plans expected in 2021
- Legislation sunsets in 2023
- \$50,000 to conduct an independent evaluation
- Statement of work drafted with the National Policy Consensus Center
- Work performed from March – November 2021

Evaluation of place-based planning

National Policy Consensus Center



<https://www.pdx.edu/npcc/publications>

Participatory evaluation

1. Develop Evaluation Framework

Interviews

Focus Group

2. Apply Evaluation Framework

Design TBD
based on Step
1 work

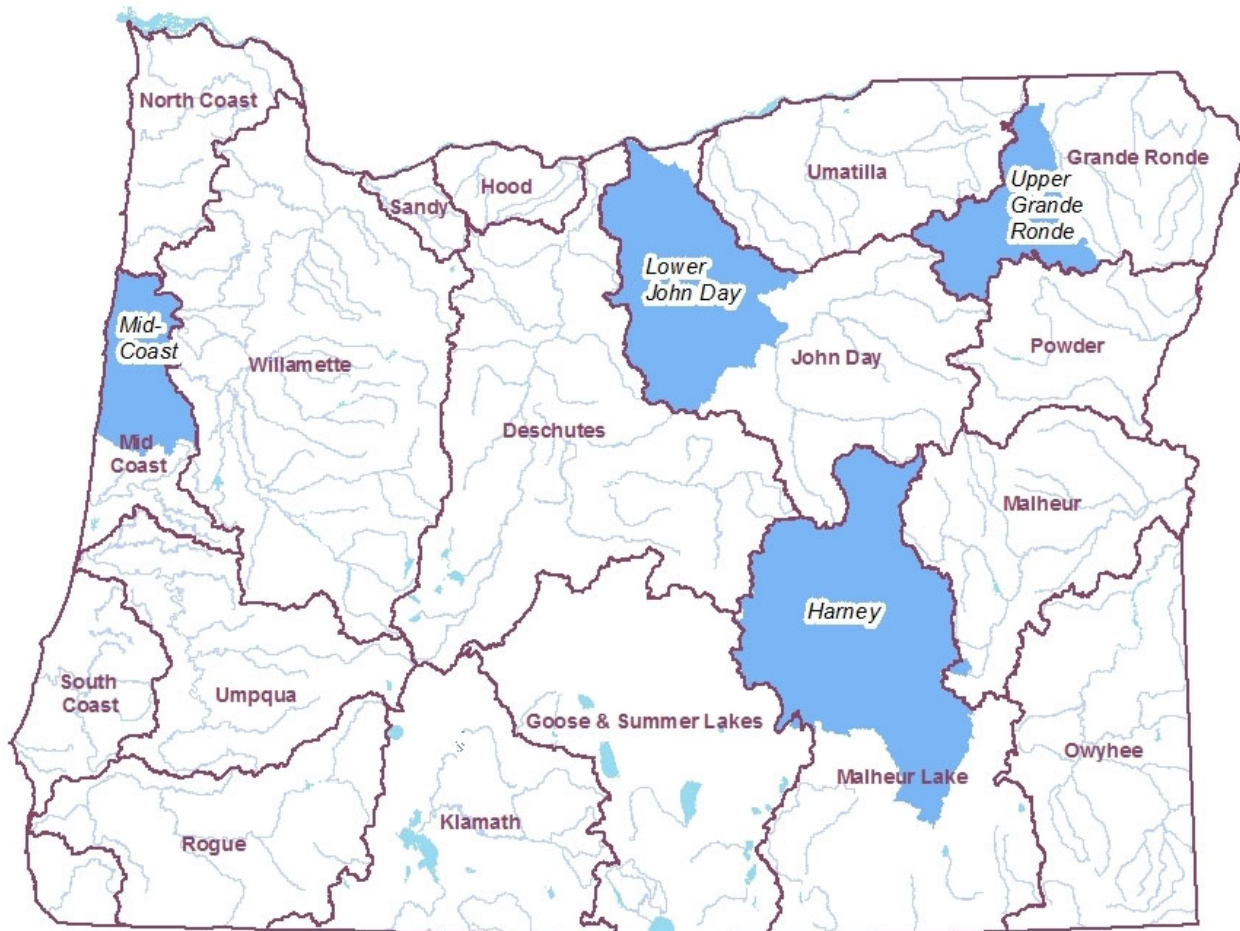
3. Compile and Share Findings

5 different
evaluations,
1 for each
place and 1
for the
state

What is an evaluation framework?

- An **evaluation framework** is a tool used to organize and link evaluation questions, outcomes or outputs, indicators, data sources, and data collection methods.
- **Participatory evaluation** is an approach that involves the program participants in the evaluation process.
- The idea is that the framework can be used over time to continue to track progress and adapt the process as needed.

Planning Group Updates

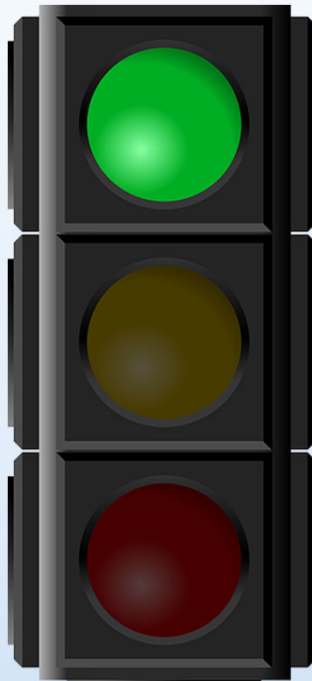


Commission Recognition

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.

Potential Commission Outcomes



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

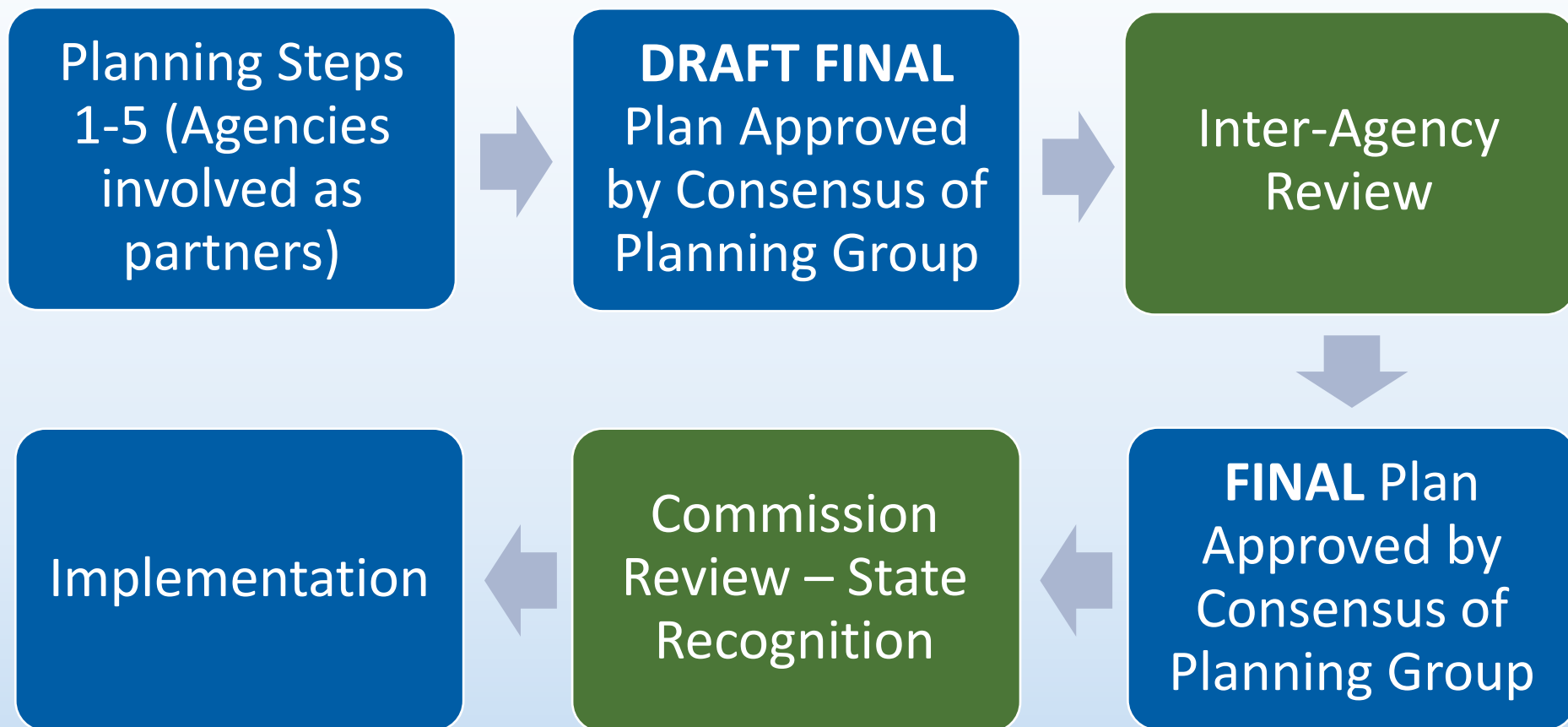
Step 5 Guidance Organization

- 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

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



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 meet the criteria?
- Should the Commission recognize the plan?

Recommendation to the Commission Regarding State
Recognition

Water Resources Development Program

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