

Agenda Item G – Informational Report



State Recognition of Place-Based Plans

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2012 & 2017 IWRS

2015 Draft Guidelines

Origins of
Integrated Water Resources



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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 53.

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 policies and department requirements. The department may issue grants under this subsection to:

- (a) A person;
- (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 assistance 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 law 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 participation; and
 - (f) Be developed in consultation with the department.
- (5) The Water Resources Commission may adopt rules for the administration of this section.

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 (1) Section 2 of this 2015 Act is repealed July 1, 2019.

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2015 SB 266



Draft Guidelines
A Tool for Conducting Place-Based
Integrated Water Resources Planning

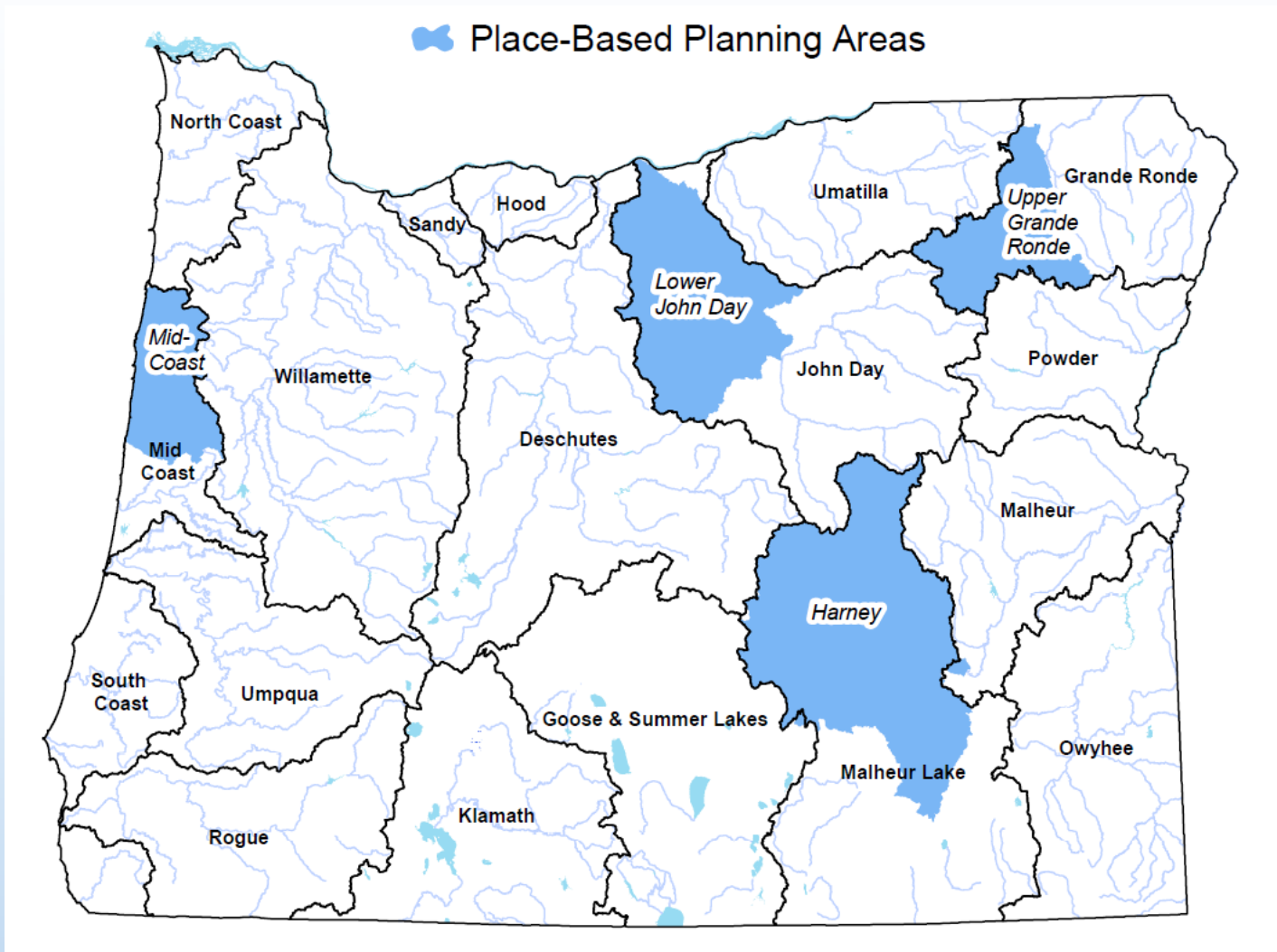
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Step 5 Guidance



Planning Group Locations



Five Planning Steps

Step 1 - Build a collaborative and inclusive process

Step 2 – Characterize current conditions and identify knowledge gaps

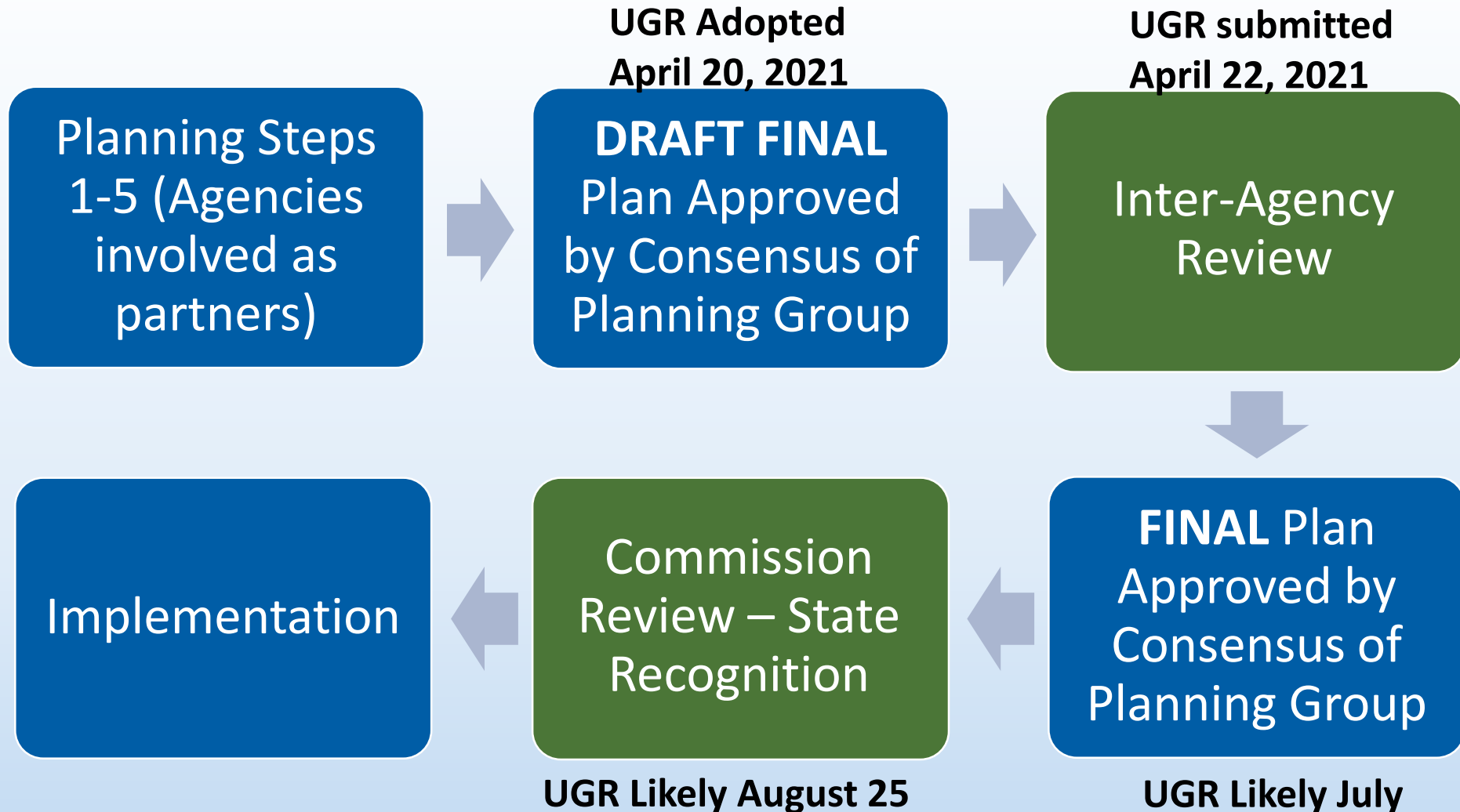
Step 3 - Determine current and future needs and vulnerabilities

Step 4 - Identify integrated solutions to meet needs

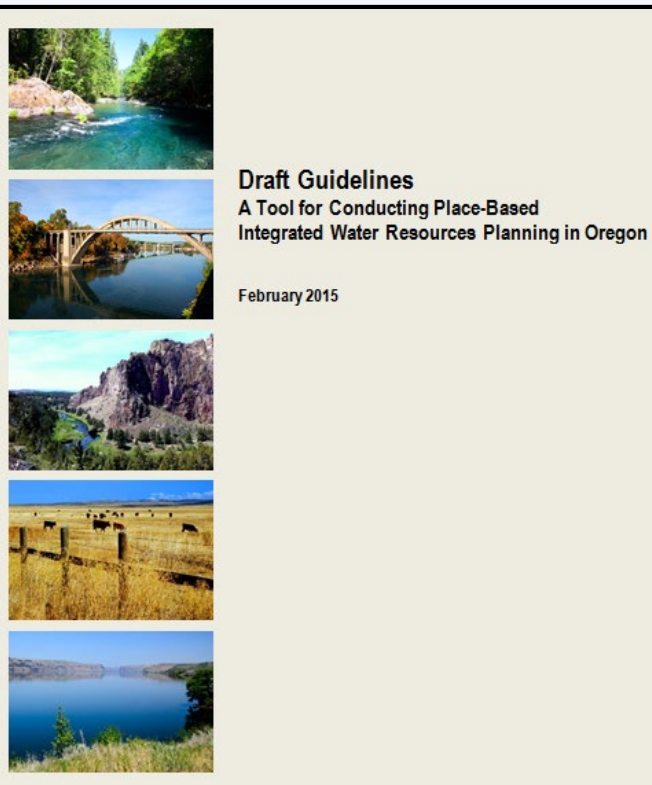


Step 5 – Adopt and implement Plan

Evolution of a 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 first presented to Commission in November 2019
- Includes Guidance for Agency Review and Commission Recognition

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State Agency Review

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

Commission Considerations



Commission Recognition

How Plans Will be Recognized

- Via the process described
- Through a formal, signed Commission resolution

What Recognition Means

- Plan produced following Draft Guidelines and IWRS principles
- Plan implementation has value to the state – implementing IWRS
- Source for IWRS update

Value of a State-Recognized Plan

- Competitive edge for multiple funding sources
- Develop and strengthen relationships
- Elevate basin-specific water issues and strategies to local and state audience
- Express the planning group's shared vision for their water future
- Improve alignment between state and basin goals and actions

Past Discussions

- Public workshops in 2014
- Commission discussions in 2014
- Letters of Interest in 2016
- Roles memo in 2017
- Discussions at Learning Partnership gatherings that brought the four places together (2017, 2018, 2019, 2020)
- Planning coordinator conversations with planning groups and other groups working on collaborative planning and implementation
- Call with conveners in May 2021

Attachment 3: Table 1

Comparison with Other States

- Connection to State Water Plan? Inform, results published in, component of...
- State approval process? Generally similar to Oregon – agency to Commission/Board, public review/participation varies
- Approval and funding? Often tied to plan and project implementation funding

May 18 Informal inquiry of Conveners:

What implementation support would help?

- Incentives to Keep Working Collaboratively...
- State Leadership and Vision....
- Dedicated Staff.....
- Funding....
- Ongoing Technical Support...
- Connection and Coordination...
- Partnership...
- Level of support WRD can provide will depend on 2021-23 budget, authorities, and priorities

Commission Discussion

- What meaning and value would you ascribe to “Recognition” of the place-based plans?
- What connection should the place-based plans have to the IWRS?
- What are your hopes and expectations for WRD’s support for implementation of recognized plans?



Thank you.

