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MEMORANDUM

TO: Water Resources Commission

FROM: Thomas M. Byler, Director

SUBJECT: Agenda Item F, December 3, 2021
Water Resources Commission Meeting

Update on Implementation of Projects

In this agenda item Tom Byler, Director, and Racquel Rancier, Deputy Director of Strategy and Operations, will brief the Commission on the status of Department efforts to implement work associated with the 2021-2023 budget and legislation. This report is for informational purposes.

The 2021 Oregon Legislative Assembly had an unprecedented focus on water issues. Overall, about \$538 million was invested in water-related issues, including funding specific water projects, authorizing numerous work groups, studies and assessments, supporting and enhancing existing programs, and establishing new programs.

A subset of this overall investment focused directly on the Water Resources Department, resulting in 38 new positions and over 40 significant new tasks and responsibilities for the agency to carry out in addition to its existing workload. As a result, in recent months the Department has placed an emphasis on recruiting and filling positions that will help carry out existing and new programs responsibilities.

Staff will report on 2021-2023 budget and legislation implementation progress to date and expected future activities.

Attachments:

1. OWRD Select Projects Tracking List

Project	Description	Project Sponsor	Project Manager	Summary of Actions Taken	Summary of Next Steps	Other Comments
Deschutes and Complex Basins	Funds a communications and policy development position to work on complex basin water issues, including the Deschutes Basin and provides \$200,000 for professional facilitation services.	Doug Woodcock	New Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Scoped position responsibilities and developed position description 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize position description and complete recruitment 	
HB 2145 - IS Project - Technical Well	Ensure a system is in place for conducting Technical Well Log Reviews July 2022.	Doug Woodcock	Kris Byrd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Beginning scoping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize scope and charter of work 	
HB 2145 - Implement All other policy changes	All other provisions of HB 2145; conduct rulemaking; Begin work in January 2022 to update rules/forms/etc to implement new law for July 1,2023.	Doug Woodcock		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize scope and charter of work 	
HB 2145 - Technical Well	Train staff and develop procedures for 100% well log reviews by July 1, 2022	Doug Woodcock	Travis Kelly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Developing position descriptions for NRS 2 positions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NRS 4 position description finished and ready to be posted 	
Willamette Basin Reallocation	Funds a Willamette Basin Coordinator position (\$221,040 General Fund) and provides \$100,000 for professional facilitation services to implement the Willamette Reservoir Reallocation.	Doug Woodcock	New Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Position description drafted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize position description, post position and complete recruitment 	
Water Right Transactions	Hire staff to reduce WRSD backlogs; Portion of \$3 million	Dwight French	Lisa Jaramillo / Alyssa Mucken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not Started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Awaiting decision from DAS on whether ARPA funds can be expended on this project. 	Awaiting information on use of ARPA funds
Division 54 Rulemaking	Hydro conversions to ISWR	Dwight/Tom	Breeze Potter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Posted notice of public comment and hearing opportunity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Review public comments upon closing of the public comment period •Develop staff report and recommendations for the Commission 	
Harney Conservation Reserve Program	State and federal funds to enroll GW users in voluntary program to cancel GW irrigation rights & replace irrigated ground w/native grasses	Ivan	Jason Spriet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •CREP position description complete •Submitted proposal to USDA Farm Service Agency •Worked with partners to develop and finalize the Harney Groundwater Conservation and Reserve Enhancement Proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Recruit CREP position. 	

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Basin Water Budgets & GW Recharge for	Contract w/USGS to do the work; WRD staff support w/data & analyses; HB 2018 and POP 110	Ivan / TSD Admin	Justin Iverson	•USGS is currently developing a detailed scope of work for contracting.	•Finalize contract and execute Statement of Work	USGS staff also occupied with Harney and WW work.
Walla Walla Basin Study	Basin study w/USGS	Ivan / TSD Admin	Justin Iverson	•Scope and contract in place with USGS and WA Ecology; data collection in progress	•Need drilling contract for observation wells; •Continue data collection continues •Hire basin outreach staff and watermaster	
HB 2145 - Set up Water Well Abandonment, Repair and	Provides \$2 million to provide assistance to abandon wells and to repair or replace water wells used for household purposes.	Ivan Gall	Becky Williams	•Developed draft charter •Developed position description, interviewed, and made offer to grant analyst	•Feedback/approval of charter by sponsor and ACT	Awaiting information on use of ARPA funds from federal gov/DAS
Set up Harney Domestic Well Remediation Program	\$500,000 for the Domestic Well Remediation Fund for replacing, repairing, or deepening domestic water wells affected by declining ground water level/ HB 3092	Ivan Gall	Becky Williams	•Developed draft charter •Developed position description, interviewed, and made offer to grant analyst	•Feedback/approval from sponsor and ACT	
Management Training	Training provided at AMG meetings to enhance management skills.	Lisa Snyder	Vickie Mcdermott	•45 minute sessions have begun. •Will continue with recruitment and onboarding theme until completed.	•Ongoing - topics will vary and be scheduled based on priority.	
Work Reimagined	Determination of Department processes associated with hybrid work (i.e., position eligibility), including alignment with DAS policies and guidance.	Lisa Snyder	Rachel LovellFord	•Charter completed •Formed internal workgroup •Developed workplan for project •Developed communication plan for project	•Meetings with staff for feedback; develop recommendations	
Data Center Migration	Continued migration of WRD computer infrastructure to the DAS Data Center.	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	In Flight, 80% complete	Working on remaining server infrastructure needing to be migrated to state data center. This work must be balanced on limited technical staffing resources to allow for parallel work on numerous other projects listed in this spreadsheet and labor required for pandemic response.	
Ticketing System Replacement	Agency ticketing system is being aged out and must be replaced.	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	Analysis of potential replacement options.	Decision of new solution, procurement and implementation over next six months.	

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M365 Email Migration	Mandated change of email address happening November 17th.	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Project planning with DAS on email change. Early adopters changed and tested. Troubleshooting issues from early adopters. 	Migration of OWRD and OWEB on 11/17	Likely to be some clean-up in the days after the switchover.
HB 2145 - IS Project - Update Well Logs and Start Card	Begin work in January 2022 to update well log system and start cards for new info by 2023; electronic submittal by 2024.	Lisa Snyder / Doug	Kris Byrd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Beginning scoping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize scope and charter of work 	

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HB 2145 - Exempt Use Fund Transition / Start Card Fee Increase	Transition exempt use map and fee to collection by driller by January 1, 2022. Roll out start card fee increase.	Lisa Snyder / Doug Woodcock	Kris Byrd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start Card fee increase being modified for electronic filers by IS. • Paper Start Cards being updated to reflect fee increase for paper filers. •Exempt use fee payment process for electronically filed well reports is being added to electronic well report submittal portal. •Process for payments submitted with well reports on paper is being addressed by WCC and Fiscal. •Validations for confirmation of exempt use status of wells during electronic submittal process is being addressed by IS and WCC. •Exempt use map submittal requirements and process is being addressed by IS and WCC. •Position descriptions for transition of exempt use fee and map submittal by drillers have been drafted and are under review in HR. •Solicit for new continuing education committee members. •Implement communication plan to get message out about upcoming program changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Perform testing of updates to computer system to verify vaildations and procesing works as needed. •Get updated paper Start Crads out to drillers that file on paper. •Finalize payment process for exempt use payments received from paper filers. •Verify Start Card increase is ready to go live and is accurate on 1/1/22. •Verify that exempt use map submittal process functions properly and is ready to go live on 1/1/22. •Finalize position descriptions with HR and move forward with filling and modifying positions. •Solicitations for new continuing education committee members have been sent out. Need to review applications and appoint members. posotions to be effective starting 1/1/22. •Continue communication plan. Communicate directly with licensed drillers and continue conversations, mailings and e-mails. •Develop and update rules to clarify map requirements and exempt use fee submittal 	Rules will likely be adopted after provisions go into effect
Business case assessment	\$350,000 General Fund was approved on a one-time basis to contract for a business case assessment to examine the economic value of water and the impact of water investment.	Racquel	Bryn Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Met with and received feedback from Water Core Team on Request for Proposals •Developed initial draft of Request for Proposals •Reviewed other similar projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Incorporate feedback from Water Core Team on Request for Proposals •Outreach to stakeholders for input on the Request for Proposals •Finalize Request for Proposals 	Funded by General Fund - must be complete by 6/30/2023

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HB 2145 - Communications	Communicate out law change to drilling community through one-pager dev. in conjunction with OGWA.	Racquel	Bryn Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Draft communications plan developed •One-page flyer developed and mailed out to well drillers about January 1 changes •Article included in the Well-Said Newsletter •Webpage published for HB 2145 updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize communication plan; continue to adapt as needed •Implement actions identified in the plan 	
IWRS Update	2022 update of the Integrated Water Resources Strategy -Update IWRS /facilitation and publication funding/LD	Racquel	New position / Breeze	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Announced that 2022 Update will be pushed back to 2023/2024 to allow for other water conversations to be incorporated into the update •Meeting with Oregon Consensus •Project planning/scoping started •Position description drafted for IWRS specialist position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Post position and complete recruitment •Modify project scope to reflect new timeframes and continue to refine project scope •Begin work on a progress/implementation update 	Update to be completed in the last half of 2023 or first half of 2024; timeframes to be determined
Racial Justice - Equitable Water Access	Provides \$1 million for equitable water access and to explore water needs of Black, Indigenous, Tribal, rural and communities of color.	Racquel	New position; Interim Racquel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Draft of position description started •Working on setting up a meeting with members of the Racial Justice Council Environmental Equity Subgroup and Oregon Water Futures to help inform the work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finish meeting setup and hold meeting •Finish DEIJ position description and complete recruitment 	
Water Use Measurement and Reporting - Report to the	Due to House Water Committee January 2022	Racquel	Bryn Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Draft of report in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize and refine recommendations •Edit and review draft among the agencies •Provide report to the legislature 	

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HB 3293 - Water Project Community Engagement	Make support available to local organizations and local governments for purpose of developing local community engagement plans for water projects.	Racquel	Kim or Becky or DEI Position - TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email sent to Water Core Team requesting agency appointment of agency representatives for work Developed position description, interviewed, and made offer to grant analyst 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop plan for coordinated rulemaking with affected agencies Draft charter 	
Workgroup on Fee Based Programs	Portion of \$3 million for facilitation for stakeholder engagement to develop more sustainable, long-term funding mechanisms to support these programs	Racquel	Bryn Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scope project / identify facilitator Develop informational materials Identify participants 	Awaiting information on use of ARPA funds
Deschutes 5 year report to the legislature	Due to legislature by 1/1/2022	Racquel/Dwight	Sarah Henderson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final Draft Submitted to Director's Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting Director's Office Approval Present to WRC at December meeting Submittal to Legislature by end of December 	
Division 77 Rulemaking	Instream transfers and leases	Racquel/Dwight	Breeze Potter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed whether to proceed with rulemaking with Water Resources Commission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Per direction of the Commission, prepping information to schedule another RAC meeting 	
Division 10 Rulemaking	CGWA Process	Racquel/Ivan	Breeze Potter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping of public participation opportunities Draft of rules developed Invitations to Rules Advisory Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finalize public participation approach and develop materials for meetings Finalize RAC meeting dates Hold informational meeting, RAC meetings, and forums for interested parties to comment 	
Regional Water Planning Workgroup	\$500,000 General Fund to engage Oregon Consensus to convene a workgroup to consider and develop a framework for state-supported regional water planning and management; Hire a limited duration position to support	Tom Byler	New position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oregon Consensus has reached out to stakeholders and is conducting assessments on process and purposes for State-Supported Regional Water Planning and Management work group Position posted externally Meetings with Oregon Consensus and legislators to scope approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review applications and hire position Oregon Consensus will complete meetings with stakeholders and develop assessment findings - Consider assessment findings and form work group for start up in early 2022 	

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Walla Walla Long-Term Planning	Work with the State of Washington, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and local interests on developing long-term surface and groundwater management in the Walla Walla Basin	Tom Byler	Chris Kowitz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Meetings with CTUIR and Ecology; Strategic plan complete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize new basin governance committee • Implement Phase II of the SP • Select bi-state flow study preferred alternative(s) • Work on bi-state management issues w/ ECY 	
Develop and Implement Plan for Spending the \$5 million for dam safety flood, analysis, and assessments	\$5 million - (\$1 million general funds and \$4 million ARPA funds) to contract for professional engineering services to perform flood methodology, inundation assessments, and engineering analyses for dams.	Tom Paul	Keith Mills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •14 contracts for \$1M in general funds have been developed or development is near complete. 2 contracts required review by DAS. 1 has been approved, 1 is still under review •Contracts for \$4M ARPA funds are being developed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize all contracts for \$1M in general funds and send out for bid by the end of 2021. •Finalize contracts for \$4M ARPA funds 	Awaiting information on use of ARPA funds from federal gov/DAS
Open ET Project	Develop field-scale estimates of consumptive use irrigated agricultural lands, along with estimates of evaporation from reservoirs, for the period 1984-2020 using remotely sensed ET data. Work to be lead by staff, and performed by contractors and staff.	Doug Woodcock	Jordan Beamer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Charter approved •Scope of work drafted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Negotiate and sign contract •Develop position description and recruit position 	
Protest Backlog Reduction	\$2.2 million / limited-duration positions to facilitate the referral and completion of administrative hearings or other procedures to alleviate the backlog.	Dwight French	Patricia McCarty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Referred 28 Protested applications to Office of Administrative Hearings in September; three protests withdrawn to date •Hired two WRD staff in November to work on contested cases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Training for Hearings Officers scheduled for December •DOJ hiring/training new staff •Waiting for Office of Admin Hearings to schedule conferences for all cases referred •Training continues for staff involved in the project 	
Records Management	Implement records management and retention updates and best practices	Lisa Snyder	New position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Position description drafted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Posting of position pending 	

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Reopening to Public	Develop and Implement Plan for reopening agency for public access on Janaury 3, 2022	Dwight French	Lisa Jaramillo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Draft of Agency Reopening Plan reviewed by Project members •Communication language (internal & external) drafted •Safety information, tools, and links in progress •In process of incorporating worksite specific instructions/protocols 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Schedule meeting with Project Team •Finalize and refine draft plan & recommendations •Present to ACT for approval (make changes as needed) •Implement approved plan & recommendations upon reopening of state offices 	
Division 340 Rulemaking	Reclaimed water registrations	Dwight French	Kerri Cope / Breeze Potter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •On Hold 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Revise draft rules / Form new RAC 	
Hydroelectric Fee Increase and Division 51 Rulemaking	Implement fee increase	Dwight French	Lisa/Dwight	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Sent out billings and information notifying of fee increase • Drafted temporary rules and associated paperwork • Drafting permanent rules and associated filing paperwork 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Temporary rulemaking pending adoption before the Commission •Complete permanent rulemaking process 	
HB 2244 - Implement Stays Bill	Implement bill	Ivan Gall	Kris Byrd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Updated final order language •Ordering new regulation cards watermasters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Ensure new regulation cards are distributed to all watermasters prior to January 1 • Build a template to notify water right holders when a PJR is filed that affects their water right 	
Klamath SWMPA or CGWA	Potential to declare a Serious Water Management Problem Area (SWMPA) or Critical Groundwater Area in Klamath (CGWA)	Ivan Gall	Kyle Gorman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not started due to other workload priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Complete Div 10 rulemaking; conduct Harney SWMPA or CGWA rulemaking; assess resources and other priorities to determine if have sufficient resources to proceed on Klamath SWMPA or CGWA work 	
Big Creek Dams grant	Provides \$14 million in the Water Supply Fund for a grant	Lisa Snyder	Kim Ogren (initial coordination); PCI staff to manage grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Met with recipient to get general understanding of project timeline and share information about funding •Requested project details and information in order to incorporate them into a grant agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Awaiting receipt of project information to enter into a grant agreement •Develop and execute grant agreement •Manage grant 	Lottery Bond Sale May 2022 / 2023

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Deschutes Basin Board of Control piping Project Grant	\$10 million in the Water Supply Development Account SB 5006 / SB 5534	Lisa Snyder	Kim Ogren (initial coordination); PCI staff to manage grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Met with recipient to get general understanding of project timeline and share information about funding •Requested project details and information in order to incorporate them into a grant agreement •Received project information •Reviewed project information and returned for correction/clarification in accordance with statutory requirements •Received revised project information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Review revised project information; if sufficient, develop a draft grant agreement for DOJ and grantee review and execution by WRD and DBBC •Manage grant 	Lottery Bond Sale May 2022
Develop Training and Safety Program	Complete initial assessment of WRD's safety policies and practices. Identify ways to do gaging station analyses.	Lisa Snyder	Vickie Mcdermott	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Hired HR position with Safety responsibilities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Training and onboarding new staff 	Current focus of HR is on recruitments
Fish passage for dam upgrade projects grants	Provides \$500,000 in ARPA Funds to assist local governments with meeting fish passage requirements for dam upgrade projects	Lisa Snyder	Kim Ogren or PCI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Made initial contact with ODFW 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Waiting for more direction on ARPA funds •Talk with ODFW more; identify potential project 	Awaiting information on use of ARPA funds from federal gov/DAS
Nesika Beach Grant	\$250,000 General Fund SB 5006	Lisa Snyder	Kim Ogren (initial coordination); PCI staff to manage grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Identified point of contact for recipient 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Set up meeting with recipient •Obtain and review project information •Develop and execute grant agreement •Manage grant 	General fund dollars requires that work be complete by June 30, 2023.
Ordinance regional water infrastructure project.	\$6 million in ARPA Funds for a grant to Umatilla County for the Ordinance Project.	Lisa Snyder	Kim Ogren (initial coordination); PCI staff to manage grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Met with recipient to get general understanding or project timeline and share what limited information is known about ARPA funding requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Work with recipient to develop a grant agreement after we understand what the federal government may require that would need to be incorporated into the grant agreement •Execute grant agreement •Manage grant 	Awaiting information on ARPA funding

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Wallowa Lake Dam Grant	Provides \$14 million in Water Supply Fund	Lisa Snyder	Kim Ogren (initial coordination); PCI staff to manage grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Met with recipient •Requested project details and information in order to incorporate them into a grant agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Awaiting receipt of project information to enter into a grant agreement •Develop and execute grant agreement •Manage grant 	Lottery Bond Sale May 2022
2023 Legislation Development - Split Season Leasing	Split season leasing to Sunset January 2, 2024	Racquel Rancier	Bryn Hudson / Lisa Jaramillo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Discussed desire to make program permanent and solicited internal feedback on need for changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on draft bill proposal • Further explore desire for changes • Outreach to stakeholders 	
Division 215 Rulemaking	Correct issue with rule	Racquel Rancier	Kris Byrd / Breeze Potter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Incorporate with other rulemakings for HB 2145 	
HB 2145 - Report to Legislature	Report to the legislature on well log reviews and inspections by January 31, 2023 and 2025.	Racquel Rancier	Bryn Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Formulate project team to work on report •Scope out information for report and data that must be collected 	Estimate project start in Apr-May 2022; First report due January 31, 2023
HB 2298- Environmental Restoration Weirs	HB 2298 – Directs ODFW to adopt rules and administer a program regarding environmental restoration weirs in closed basins east of the cascades on streams of a specified size.	Racquel Rancier	Jason Spriet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •OWRD reviewed the second public comment draft of the rules •OWRD provided public comment on rules •OWRD met with ODFW staff 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Assessing whether project is complete or if further direction is needed for staff 	
SB 391	Authorizes county to allow owner of lot or parcel within rural residential zone to construct one accessory dwelling unit on lot or parcel, subject to certain restrictions.	Racquel	Racquel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Monitor implementation and determine if guidance for staff and counties is needed 	
Columbia River - Umatilla Solutions task force grant and Participate in	\$500,000 in General Fund - Grant to Umatilla county to implement agreements of the Columbia River - Umatilla Solutions task force	Tom Byler	Kim Ogren (initial coordination); PCI staff to manage grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Met with recipient to get general understanding of project timeline and share information about funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Working with Umatilla County on inter-governmental agreement •Gather information to incorporate into an inter-governmental agreement or grant agreement 	Funded by General Fund - must be complete by 6/30/2023
Place Based Planning Funding	\$1 million to support place-based planning efforts - spending plan	Doug Woodcock	Kim Ogren (initial coordination); PCI staff to manage grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Asked planning groups for information about their funding needs •Awaiting clarification from federal government on how funds can be spent before developing a spend plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Develop a spend plan after getting direction on funding requirements from federal government and/or DAS 	Awaiting information on ARPA funding

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Develop plan and implement/purchase of data	\$3 million for surface water and ground water data collection equipment	Ivan / TSD Admin	TBD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not started; pending information on ARPA funds allowance from DAS/Federal Government 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Develop a plan to be shared with the Commission 	Awaiting information on use of ARPA funds from federal gov/DAS
Water Measurement Cost Share Program and Spending Plan	Develop spending plan; approach for administering; update materials \$1M ARPA funds plus ~\$100k GF	Ivan Gall	Kim Ogren (initial coordination); future handoff to PCI staff, once hired	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Decided to move management of fund from ASD to PCI •Developed position description, interviewed, and made offer to grant analyst 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Determine ARPA requirements for funding •Develop charter 	Awaiting information on use of ARPA funds
Harney Groundwater	Review existing rules; Develop CGWA/SWMPA rules; convene RAC	Ivan Gall / TSD Admin	Jason Spriet / Breeze Potter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Scoping the rulemaking process 	
Mobile Device Management Implementation	Procurement and rollout of mobile device management solution to securely manage phones and tablets.	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	Protoype of new system rolled out to early adopters. Agency rollout to happen through device lifecycle replacement over the next 18 months.	Staff will receive managed phones and tablets as devices are replaced over the next 18 months to distribute labor and support requests.	
Intranet Migration	Migration of Intranet to new server infrastructure in the M365 cloud.	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	Migration 95% complete. Coordination with key business units regarding content to migrate.	Remaining items being reported and handled as they are identified. Old Intranet remains available for reference of any missed items.	
2023 Legislation Development - Place Based Planning	PBP sunsets 2023	Racquel	Bryn Hudson / Kim Ogren	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Directed staff to begin work on a proposal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Developing draft of potential proposals •Outreach to stakeholders and discuss interface with other processes such as regional water planning and management workgroup 	
HB 3103 Character of Use Changes	Implement bill to allow character of use changes	Racquel / Dwight	Lisa Jaramillo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent with the direction of the Legislature in HB 3103, Transfer staff are poised to begin processing Transfer Applications proposing to change the Character of Use for which water is stored under a certificated storage right when HB 3103 goes into effect on January 2, 2022. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On January 2, 2022, begin processing any pending Transfer Applications that propose to change the Character of Use for which water is stored under a certificated storage right. • Address rule updates at a later date 	

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Develop Communications Program	Public Information Coordinator position to provide external and internal communications and support on emergency response and preparedness	Racquel Rancier	New Position	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Offer made and accepted •Screened and interviewed candidates •Developed position description for Public Information and Resiliency Coordinator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •New staff to start 1/5/2022. •New staff to assess communications activities and needs •Develop communications plan and prioritize communications projects 	
HB 3103 - Transfers of Stored Water Workgroup	\$485,100 to engage a professional facilitator to work with stakeholders on a path forward for transfers of stored water (point of diversion and location).	Racquel Rancier	Lisa Jaramillo / Bryn Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Not started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Identify facilitator •Scope project; work with facilitator to convene workgroup in 2022 	General fund dollars requires that work with facilitator be complete by June 30,
Expand Obs Well Network	HB 2018 and associated POPS	TSD Admin	Justin Iverson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Working with DAS to develop the ability for WRD to contract directly with drillers without a DAS intermediary DAS (takes time and costs 4% of contract) •GW staff identifying drilling locations and discussing access agreements with land owners •Checking with SOULA regarding status of archaeological services contract, anticipate the need for site ped surveys in several locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize contracting approach •Finalize site access •Archeological consultation with Tribes and SHPO •Draft technical specs and solicit bids •Schedule and conduct installation of wells, instrument wells and add to state obs network and GWIS. 	Currently on hold until spring 2022 for GW staff to support backlog reduction focus.
Water right fee increase	Implement HB 2142 fee increase 7/1/2021	Dwight		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Update forms and communicate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Project complete 	
Public Complaint Form	A central public complaint web form used to reduce lengthy calls to field offices.	Ivan Gall	Brad Melendy	A prototype was created after the Jackson County Complaint Form. Input provided from regional managers.	Feedback being incorporated into a 1.0 release. Further enhancements being queued up for a 2.0 release at a later date.	
System LifeCycle Replacement	Continued replacement of staff computer equipment based on age and special need.	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	Ongoing project.	Continue to replace equipment based on criteria established by the IS Manager.	
Field Office Network Upgrades	Continued work to bring all field offices onto high speed internet and state networks.	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	Medford, Bend, Klamath Falls and Pendleton complete.	Moving office by office, we are analyzing available options for high speed internet and state of oregon networking.	

Project	Description	Project Sponsor	Project Manager	Summary of Actions Taken	Summary of Next Steps	Other Comments
Work From Anywhere Modernization	Continued work in support of adapting to "Work from anywhere".	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	Analysis, Procurement and Implementation of computer and network resources to support agency "Work from Anywhere". Including moving from Desktops to Laptops and remote access solutions for high bandwidth systems not served well over the VPN.	Continued migration to Laptops and analysis of remote desktop solutions to replace the many desktop computers being left running for high bandwidth systems like ArcGIS.	
M365 Implementation	Agency Implementation, Training and Adoption of M365 Services (Microsoft Cloud).	Lisa Snyder	Brad Melendy	Rollout of M365 solution(s) complete but there is a lot of work remaining with regard to training, adoption and workflow modification.	Continued work supporting business units and field offices in the adoption of these cloud services, replacing legacy services like file servers.	
SB 1602 Report to the Legislature	Due to legislature February 2022	Racquel	Bryn Hudson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Draft of report in progress 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Finalize and refine recommendations •Edit and review draft among the agencies •Provide report to the legislature 	
Racial Justice Indigenous Energy Resiliency	\$500,00 for indigenous energy resiliency to addressing Indigenous treaty water rights, water scarcity, hydropower, and ecosystem services.	Racquel/Tom	New position/Racquel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •See also Racial Justice Equitable Water Access •Invitation sent to Oregon Tribes to identify a representative to work on setting a table for discussion of water issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Receive responses from Oregon Tribes on participation •Set up meeting with identified representatives; set up formal workgroup early in 2022 	