

**Oregon's
Integrated Water
Resources Strategy:
Challenges & Opportunities**

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Water Availability

August Water Availability

January Water Availability

Beneficial Uses

“Whiskey’s for drinking, water’s for fighting.”
-- Mark Twain

Managing Water in Oregon

- Water quality...built on federal standards
- Water quantity...authority rests with the state
- Water management built on a foundation of “the Doctrine of Prior Appropriation”

Allocation of
conserved water

Water right transfers

Instream water rights

Groundwater management

Prior Appropriation: “First in time, first in right.”

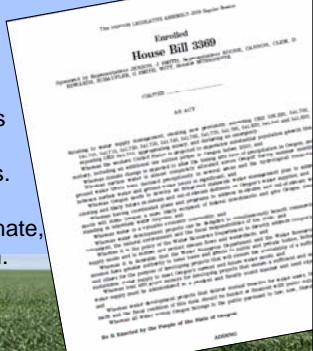
Oregon’s Integrated Water Resources Strategy

Goals: understand and meet
Oregon’s water resource needs...

- ...instream and out-of-stream
- ...quality, quantity, and ecosystem needs
- ...today and in the future

Oregon's House Bill 3369 (2009), Sect 44-45

- Understand & meet our water resource needs.
- Directs Oregon Water Resources to lead efforts
- Partner with DEQ, ODFW, ODA, and others.
- Account for pressures, including changes in climate, land-use, and population.
- WRC = Adopter



Action Agenda

Based on input from 11 open houses, stakeholder workshops, and electronic surveys, a Policy Advisory Group will help us recommend actions in the following areas:

- Information/Data
- Planning Efforts
- Public Policy
- Statute/Rule
- Funding
- Outreach/Education

How Will We Get There?

Phase I: Setting the Stage (Fall 2009)	Phase II: Identifying Water Resource Needs (Spring 2010)	Phase III: Developing Recommended Actions (2010-2011)	Phase IV: Producing Oregon's 1 st Strategy (2012)	Phase V: Project Implement. (2012)
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Some Overarching Principles

- Produce an Integrated Water Resources Strategy that serves as an action agenda.
- Recognize that needs & solutions may differ by basin.
- Maintain and sustain "beneficial uses."
- Employ an open and publicly accessible process.
- Base decisions on best available science & local input.
- Allow for learning and adaptation over time.

For more info, please download the preliminary workplan from our project website.

How Might You Fit In?

- Access to valuable resources ...stormwater and wastewater
- Leadership



Potential Challenges / Obstacles

- Meet permit & SB 737 Requirements
- Public Health and Safety – Stewards of public health
- Perception – the "Yuck" Factor
- Population Growth
- Climate Change
- Funding!



Opportunities

- Serve as a significant player in the Integrated Water Resources Strategy.
- Reach out to others in the “water world.”
- Another suggestion...
- Participate by providing public comment; attend the IWRS Policy Advisory Group meetings; subscribe to the project listserve.



Summary

- The Integrated Water Resources Strategy is working to understand and meet Oregon's water resource needs now and into the future.
- The IWRS will take the form of an “action agenda.”
- You are well positioned to play a significant role, with access to valuable water resources.

Thank You!

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