

# Place-Based Planning Updates July – December 2017

## Program and Place-Based Updates

- Worked with external partners to secure technical assistance for assessing climate impacts to supply and demand and developing adaptation strategies.
- Convened three advisory groups to provide input on guidance and tools for a Step 3 DRAFT toolbox that helps groups understand municipal/industrial, agricultural, and instream water needs.
- Conveners invited to deliver presentations on their planning efforts to the House Energy and Environment Committee.
- Convened inter-agency meetings in August and December.
- Hosted convener calls in August, October, and January.
- Held meetings and calls with statewide stakeholders.



### Malheur Lake Basin

Conveners: Harney County Court & Watershed Council  
OWRD Grant: \$135,000 Other Grants (to-date): \$145,000

Planning Step 2/3

- Recipient of grants from the Oregon Community Foundation and the Meyer Memorial Trust to sustain the collaborative.
- Meetings of the full Collaborative held in July, October, and January.
- Multiple presentations from content experts.
- Four working groups convened to gather and analyze water data/information.
- New project manager hired and trained.
- Additional grant applications submitted.

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### Upper Grande Ronde Sub-Basin

Convener: Union County  
OWRD Grant: \$197,000

Planning Step 2/3

- [Step 2 summary report](#) completed and approved by consensus of the group.
- Stakeholder meetings held in June, August, September, October, and November.
- Technical advisory group convened 7 times between June-December.
- Four working groups (agricultural, municipal, instream, and natural hazards) met multiple times to assess current and future demands.
- Shared project information and results with the community and legislature.

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### Lower John Day Sub-Basin

Convener: Gilliam SWCD & Wheeler SWCD  
OWRD Grant: \$190,000

Planning Step 2/3

- Full Partnership meetings held in September and November
- Executed Step 2 RFP process to solicit and award capacity funding to partners to help with information gathering and analysis.
- Extensive information compiled and formatted for Step 2 “State of Water Resources” report and consultant hired to assist with writing.
- Established data and outreach committees that are meeting monthly.

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### Mid-Coast Region

Conveners: City of Newport & OWRD  
OWRD Grant: \$135,000 Other Grants (to-date): \$205,000

Planning Step 2/3

- Recipient of grants from the Oregon Community Foundation and the Meyer Memorial Trust that will help sustain the collaborative effort.
- Step 2 summary reports developed in cooperation with four study groups to characterize water quantity, quality, ecology, and infrastructure.
- Partnership meetings held in August and November.
- Three field tours organized by partners to look at water issues throughout the region.

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# Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning



## Helping Oregonians plan for their current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs

Place-based integrated water resources planning is one of the recommended actions from the 2012 and 2017 [Integrated Water Resources Strategy \(IWRS\)](#). It provides an opportunity for places to work collaboratively, in partnership with the state, to understand their water resources challenges and needs, and identify strategies and actions to meet those needs. The [DRAFT planning guidelines](#) describe the five steps and key planning principles central to any place-based integrated water resources planning effort.

### Planning Step 1

**Build a collaborative and inclusive process** – Conveners assemble partners representing a balance of interests, including state agencies, and work with partners to: create a governance agreement that describes how the partners will collaborate and make decisions using consensus; develop a communication and outreach strategy to ensure an open and inclusive process that fosters public participation; and develop a work plan outlining how the group will execute Planning Steps 2-5.

### Planning Step 2

**Gather information to develop a shared understanding of current water resources and identify gaps** – The planning group assesses and describes water resources in the planning area, looking at water quantity, quality, and ecology. This effort includes collecting and synthesizing existing information, identifying any gaps in knowledge, and developing strategies to fill these gaps.

### Planning Step 3

**Examine current and future water needs/demands and vulnerabilities for people, the economy, and the environment** – The group identifies and prioritizes current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs/demands using an integrated approach. Groups also examine water challenges and vulnerabilities, such as how climate change may affect water resources and the ability to meet water needs.

### Planning Step 4

**Identify and prioritize strategic, integrated solutions to meet multiple instream and out-of-stream water needs** – The group collaboratively identifies a long-term strategy and near-term recommended actions to address the instream and out-of-stream issues and needs identified in Steps 2-3. Consensus-based strategies and actions are captured in a plan.

### Planning Step 5

**Approve and implement a place-based integrated water resources plan** – The group approves the plan and develops more detailed strategies to implement actions. The Water Resources Commission and other agencies will have an opportunity to formally recognize the plan, based on whether it is consistent with the IWRS, the guidelines, and state water policy.

### Key Planning Principles

- Locally-initiated and led collaborative effort
- Voluntary, non-regulatory process
- Includes a balanced representation of water interests
- Conducted in partnership with the state
- Balances current and future instream and out-of-stream needs
- Looks at water quantity, quality and ecosystem needs in an integrated approach
- Utilizes an open and transparent process that fosters public participation
- Builds on and integrates existing studies and plans
- Does not infringe on existing water rights
- Adheres to IWRS principles and state laws

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