

Place-Based Water Planning Updates January – June 2019

Program and Place-Based Updates

- House Bill 2084 extended the program sunset date to 2023.
- Legislatively Adopted Budget included \$550,000 to support the current places and conduct an evaluation of this approach.
- Learning Partnership gathering, supported by the Ford Family Foundation, held in May in Condon to support peer-to-peer learning between the different places.
- Planning Step 5 Guidance developed for review.
- [First webinar](#) on the Northwest Climate Toolbox hosted by the Climate Impacts Research Consortium (CIRC).
- Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) *Climate Change Projections Report* completed for the Mid-Coast.



Harney - Malheur Lake Basin

Conveners: Harney County Court & Watershed Council
OWRD Grant: \$150,000 Other Funding (to-date): \$276,234

- 2-day Solutions Summit held in January to gather and workshop potential solutions. To-date 66 ideas have been submitted.
- Meetings of the Collaborative held in April and June.
- One consensus decision to pursue funding for a Groundwater Market feasibility assessment.
- Meetings to discuss and improve draft summaries of water data/information – two working groups, 7 meetings in total.
- Additional funding secured from private funders.

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Planning Steps 2/3/4

Upper Grande Ronde Sub-Basin

Convenor: Union County
OWRD Grant: \$207,000 Other Funding (to-date): \$10,000

- [Step 3 Integrated Water Resources Needs and Vulnerabilities Report](#) approved by consensus.
- Stakeholder meetings held in January, March, April, May, and June.
- Strategy brainstorming sessions yielded over 100 individual strategies – analysis and evaluation in progress.

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Planning Step 4

Lower John Day Sub-Basin

Convenor: Gilliam SWCD & Wheeler SWCD
OWRD Grant: \$200,000 Other Funding (to-date): \$10,000

- [Step 2 State of Water Resources Report](#) completed and approved by consensus.
- Meetings held January, March, April, May and June.
- Organized public outreach meeting/dinner and hosted the Learning Partnership meeting in May.
- Presented Step 3 process to Tri-County Court and City Councils of Grass Valley, Spray, and Condon.
- First draft of Step 3 *Integrated Water Resource Needs and Vulnerabilities Report* completed.

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Planning Step 3

Mid-Coast Region

Conveners: City of Newport, OWRD, Seal Rock Water District, Gibson Farms
OWRD Grant: \$150,000 Other Funding (to-date): \$405,000

- Partnership meeting, hosted by the City of Lincoln City, held in April.
- Survey results from Oregon's Kitchen Table engagement (respondents=680) completed and published [online](#).
- Local Planning Coordinator position description developed and position announced. This position will help increase local coordination capacity.
- Additional funding secured from partners and private funders.

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Planning Step 3



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

Learn More!

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