



# 2024 Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS)

Morrow County Water Advisory Committee

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# Agenda

- IWRS Introduction
- Project Timeline
- Proposed Draft
- Questions & Discussion



# IWRS Introduction

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- Oregon's House Bill 3369 (2009)
- Oregon Revised Statute 536.220
- Oregon Water Resources Department leads development
- Include state & federal agencies, tribes, stakeholders, public

7th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—2009 Regular Session

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House Bill 3369

Sponsored by Representatives JENSON, J SMITH; Representatives BOONE, CANNON, CLEM, D EINWALDEN, SCHAUPLER, G SMITH, WITT; Senator MORRISSETTE

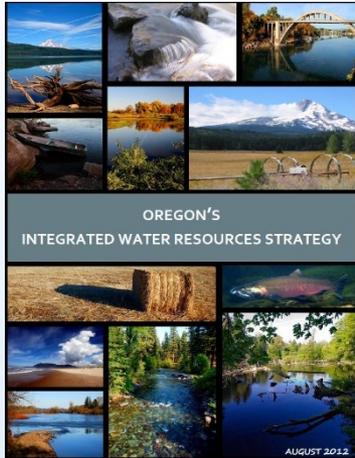
**instream and out-of-stream  
...quality, quantity & ecosystem needs  
...today and in the future**

repealing ORS 541.755; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.  
Whereas the western United States is projected to experience substantial population growth this century, including an additional one million people in Oregon before 2030; and  
Whereas climate change is expected to alter the timing and form of precipitation in Oregon; and  
Whereas surface water is almost completely allocated across Oregon during summer months, ground water levels have declined precipitously in several areas and the hydrological connection between surface water and ground water levels is significant; and  
Whereas Oregon needs to develop an integrated statewide water management plan to address existing and likely future in-stream and out-of-stream demands on Oregon's water supplies; and  
Whereas having coordinated plans and programs to address in-stream and out-of-stream water needs will make Oregon a more likely recipient of federal investments and give Oregon stronger standing in interstate water disputes; and  
Whereas water is a valuable economic commodity; and  
Whereas water development projects can be designed to simultaneously benefit commercial development, the natural environment and the fiscal responsibilities of the state; and  
Whereas it is the policy of the Water Resources Department to directly address Oregon's water supply needs and to restore and protect stream flows and watersheds; and  
Whereas it is desirable that the Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission have greater authority to issue loans and grants to public and private bodies, Indian tribes and others for the purpose of developing projects that will ensure the availability of a sufficient and sustainable water supply to meet Oregon's current and future water needs; and  
Whereas loan and grant moneys for developing projects that ensure a sufficient and sustainable water supply must be administered in a prudent and fiscally sound manner and used expeditiously; and  
Whereas water development projects that deliver mutual benefits for water users, the environment and the fiscal condition of this state should be funded or financed with public dollars; and  
Whereas all water within Oregon belongs to the public pursuant to law; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

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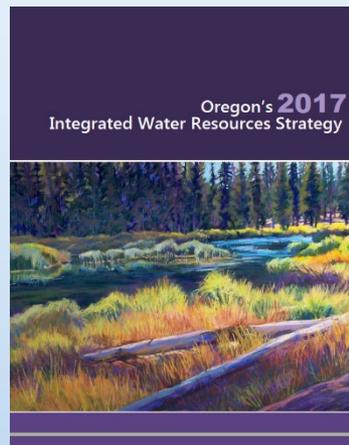


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## How is the IWRS Used?

- Audience: public, stakeholders, agencies, Legislature
- High-level descriptions of water issues and proposed solutions
- Information about agency programs
- Agencies and stakeholders reference Strategy Actions to support funding or policy requests



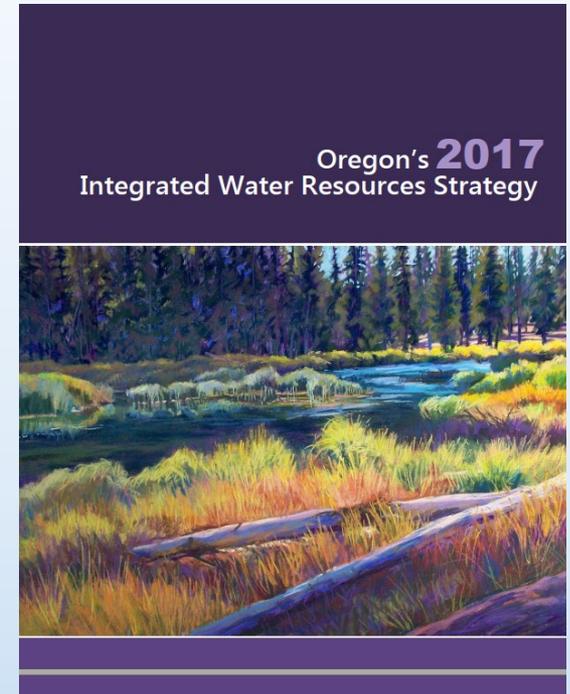
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## Goal 1

- Improve our understanding of Oregon's water resources

## Goal 2

- Meet Oregon's water resources needs (instream and out-of-stream)



# IWRS Introduction

## Objectives

1. Understand our water resources
2. Understand instream and out-of-stream needs
3. Understand the pressures that affect our needs and supplies
4. Meet instream and out-of-stream needs



# Project Timeline

# 2024 IWRS Draft Timeline

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Reviews &  
Adopts

Water Resources  
Commission  
meets 9/12-13

# Project Teams

# IWRS Project Teams

## State Agency Project Team

- Water Resources Dept (lead)
- Dept of Agriculture
- Dept of Environmental Quality
- Dept of Fish & Wildlife
- Dept of Land Conservation & Development



## Other

- Water Core Team (~15 agencies)
- Federal Liaison Team (~9 agencies)

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# Draft 2024 IWRS

- Minimal additions / deletions
- Make it easier to find actions
- Locate similar actions closer to one another
- Add one new critical issue: Coordination & Collaboration
- Re-organize by “types” of actions
  - Funding
  - Partnerships & Planning
  - Data & Analysis
  - Stewardship





# Oregon's 2024 Integrated Water Resources Strategy Framework and Actions - Draft 1, March 2024

Focusing on: Climate change, population growth, land use change, economic impacts, and energy demand

## Goal 1: Improve Understanding of Oregon's Water Resources

- Objective 1: Understand Water Resources
- Objective 2: Understand Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs
- Objective 3: Understand the Pressures that Affect Our Needs and Supplies

## Goal 2: Meet Oregon's Water Resources Needs

- Objective 4: Meet Oregon's Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs

### Chapter 1: Funding

#### Funding

- 1A [13A] – Fund Development and Implementation of Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy
- 1B [13B] – Fund Water Resources Management Activities at State Agencies
- 1C [13C-13E] – Invest in Planning, Feasibility Studies, and Water Resource Project Implementation

### Chapter 2: Partnerships and Planning

#### Education & Outreach

- 2A [8C] – Promote Community Education and Outreach
- 2B [8A] – Support Implementation of K-12 Environmental Literacy Plan
- 2C [8B] – Provide Career Training for the Next Generation of Water Professionals
- 2D [8D] – Identify Water Research Needs & Partnerships

#### Coordination & Collaboration [new]

- 3A [9C] – Partner with Tribes, Federal Agencies, and Neighboring States in Long-Term Water Resources Management
- 3B [6B] – Improve State Interagency Coordination
- 3C [new] – Lead Meaningful Community Engagement

#### Water Planning

- 4A [9A] – Support Integrated Place-Based Planning and Other Water Planning Efforts
- 4B [9B] – Coordinate State and Local Natural Resource Plans

#### Land Use Planning

- 5A [6A] – Improve Integration of Water Information and Land Use Planning
- 5B [6C] – Encourage Low Impact Development Practices and Green Infrastructure

#### Natural Hazard Mitigation Planning & Extreme Events

- 6A [5.5A] – Plan and Prepare for Drought & Wildfire Resiliency
- 6B [5.5B] – Plan and Prepare for Flood Events
- 6C [5.5C] – Plan and Prepare for a Cascadia Earthquake & Tsunami Event

### Chapter 3: Data and Analysis

#### Water Resource/Supply Information

- 7A [1B] – Improve Water Resource Data Collection and Monitoring
- 7B [1A] – Conduct Additional Groundwater Basin Studies
- 7C [1C] – Enhance Interagency Data Coordination
- 7D [5A] – Support Basin-Scale Climate Change Research

#### Instream & Ecosystem Water Needs

- 8A [4A] – Analyze the Effects on Water from Energy Development Projects and Policies
- 8B [3A] – Determine Instream Flow Needs (Quality and Quantity)
- 8C [3B] – Determine Needs of Groundwater-Dependent Ecosystems
- 8D [new] – Develop Instream & Ecosystem Water Demand Forecasts

#### Out-of-Stream Water Needs

- 9A [2B] – Improve Water-Use Measurement and Reporting
- 9B [2A] – Regularly Update Out-of-Stream Water Demand Forecasts

### Chapter 4: Stewardship

#### Healthy Ecosystems

- 10A [11A] – Improve Watershed Health, Resiliency, and Capacity for Natural Storage
- 10B [11D] – Protect and Restore Instream Habitat and Fish Passage/Screening
- 10C [11B] – Develop Additional Instream Protections
- 10D [11C] – Prevent and Eradicate Invasive Species
- 10E [11E] – Develop Additional Groundwater Protections

#### Clean Water

- 11A [12A] – Ensure the Safety of Oregon's Drinking Water
- 11B [12B] – Reduce the Use of and Exposure to Toxics and Other Pollutants
- 11C [12C] – Implement Water Quality Pollution Controls

#### Water Use & Management

- 12A [2C] – Determine Unadjudicated Water Right Claims
- 12B [10A] – Improve Water-Use Efficiency and Water Conservation
- 12C [10C] – Encourage Water Reuse Projects
- 12D [10B] – Improve Access to Storage
- 12E [10D] – Reach Environmental Outcomes with Non-Regulatory Alternatives
- 12F [10F] – Provide an Adequate Field Presence
- 12G [10G] – Strengthen Water Quantity and Water Quality Permitting Programs

#### Water Infrastructure

- 13A [7A] – Maintain, Upgrade, Decommission Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
- 13B [7B] – Encourage Regional (Sub-Basin) Water and Wastewater Systems
- 13C [7C] – Support Dam and Levee Safety

#### Water & Energy

- 14A [4B] – Develop Non-Traditional Hydroelectric Power
- 14B [4C] – Promote Strategies that Increase/Integrate Energy and Water Savings

Note: 2017 IWRS numbering is shown in [brackets].

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Local & State  
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# One-page Action Summaries

## 2017 IWRS Recommended Action and Example Actions

### Recommended Action 3.A

#### Determine Flows Needed (Quality and Quantity) to Support Instream Needs

##### Examples of how to implement this action:

- Prioritize and install gages in additional locations to monitor the status of instream flows and water rights
- Identify basins with listed species and install monitoring equipment to help characterize the suite of flows through these basins
- Conduct instream needs studies, such as base flow studies and elevated flow requirements or prescriptions
- Pursue a consistent, model-based framework for characterizing long-term instream demand and integrate projections of future climate for planning purposes
- Develop models/studies to quantify the economic, social, and cultural value of instream uses
- Support state agency instream flow efforts and programs (e.g., ODFW, ODEQ, OPRD)

## 2024 IWRS Proposed Action Summary

- Who
- Why
- Example actions
- Equity/Justice considerations
- Resources

### Healthy Ecosystems

### Action 10C Prevent and Eradicate Invasive Species

#### Lead Agencies

ODA, ODF, ODFW, OSMB

#### Supporting Agencies

USDA, USFS

#### Partners

Tribes, OSU Extension Service

#### Background

According to the Oregon Invasive Species Council, an invasive species is a non-native species that can cause economic or environmental harm or cause harm to human health. It can be a plant, animal, or any other microorganism that enters an ecosystem beyond its native range. Invasive species disrupt the natural function of an ecosystem by competing and replacing native species and disrupting the natural habitat.

Oregon experiences threats from invasive species in both aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems. Aquatic invasive species can flourish in waterways, reducing water quality, choking out native plants, and clogging boat, hydropower, and irrigation infrastructure. Native plant species in riparian and wetland areas adjacent to waterways are also under threat, limiting their capacity to provide benefits such as shade, shelter, and food. Invasive species can also impact the health of uplands, where well-managed forests are critical to protecting source water quality. Both agriculture and forestry industries require ongoing, consistent program support to identify and eradicate invasive species.

#### Example Actions

- Support and continue funding for the Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program
- **Identify and implement projects** to support the Oregon Conservation Strategy's seven statewide actions to prevent new introductions, and decrease the scale and spread of infestations
- Continue to implement and enforce ballast water management regulations
- **Provide technical assistance for invasive species detection and eradication on agricultural and forestlands**
- **Continue funding for invasive species eradication and native species restoration efforts (also see 10A)**

#### Equity & Justice Considerations and Actions

- **Consider impacts of invasive species on culturally significant plants, animals and [ecosystems](#)**

#### Resources

##### Agency Programs

ODA's Insect Pest Prevention and Management Program, ODF's Conservation Program, ODFW & OSMB's Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program, ODF's Bark Beetle Mitigation Program

##### Workgroups

Oregon Invasive Species Council

##### Websites

[ODA Noxious Weed Profiles](#)

[ODA Insect Pest Alerts](#)

[USDA National Invasive Species Information Center](#)

##### Documents

[Oregon Conservation Strategy](#)

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# Thank you!

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