Q. Why is everyone talking about water?

A. Local, state, and national news media are filled with stories about water, from drought and scarcity to flooding and pollution.

Oregon's east side receives very little rain, and in the summer months, the whole state is hot and dry. Groundwater levels are declining in many places; many of our water bodies have impaired water quality; and fish and their habitat are not as healthy as they used to be. Demands for all types of water use continue to change.

These challenges, along with those posed by climate change, population growth, and land-use change, highlight the urgency for a state-wide strategy that meets Oregon's water needs.

Oregon's natural resource and economic development agencies are now developing Oregon's first Integrated Water Resources Strategy and invite you to a open house in Burns to share your concerns and priorities for Oregon's water future.

Burns Open House

Tuesday, May 25, 2010
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Harney County Community Center
484 N. Broadway, Burns, Oregon 97720

- **Project Overview, followed by Discussions**
  Program begins at 4:00 and again at 5:30
- **Map Gallery**
  Challenges & opportunities for our water resources
- **Project Showcase**
  Local water resource partnerships and projects
- **Kids' Center**
  Water-related word find, coloring, and more

Thank you to our local open house partners!

The High Desert Partnership

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Lead Agencies:

Oregon Water Resources Department
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Fish and Wildlife
Department of Agriculture

State of Oregon Partners:

Oregon Business Development Dept.
Department of Energy
Department of Forestry
Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries
Dept. of Housing & Comm. Services
Dept. of Human Services
Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
Department of State Lands
Department of Transportation
Parks & Recreation Department
Watershed Enhancement Board
The Governor's Office

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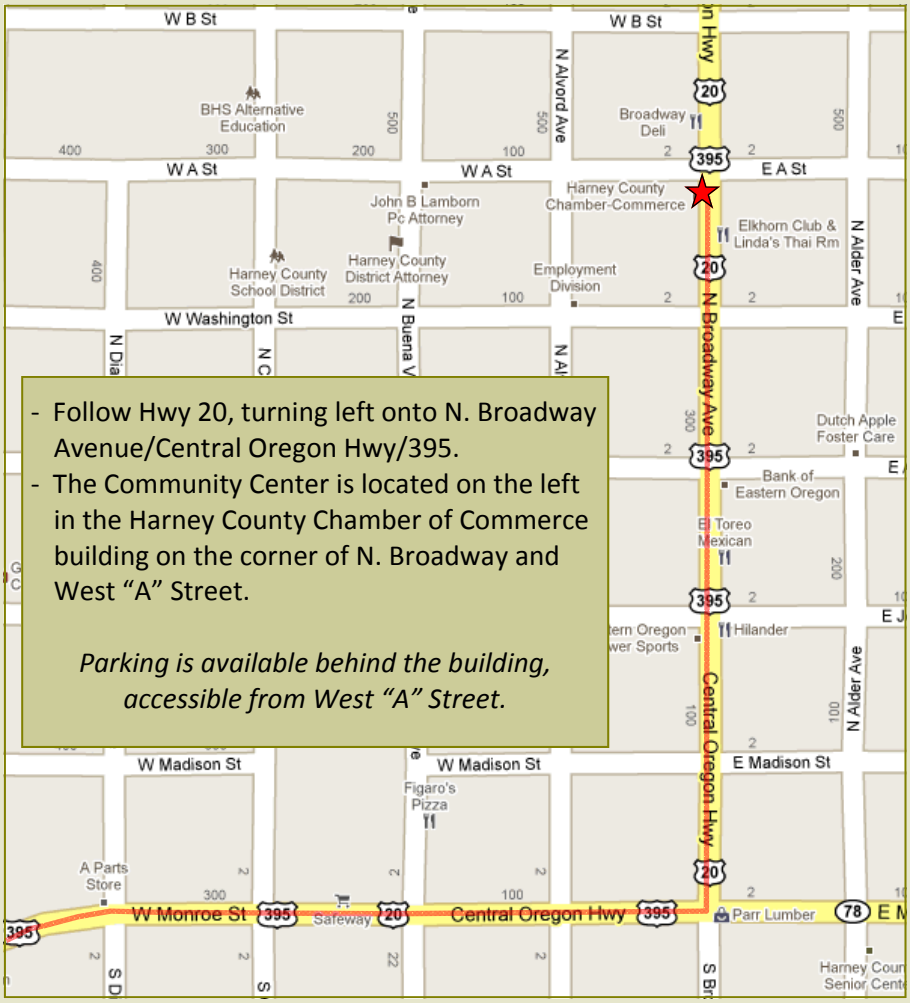
Office Number: 541-573-2636



- Follow Hwy 20, turning left onto N. Broadway Avenue/Central Oregon Hwy/395.
- The Community Center is located on the left in the Harney County Chamber of Commerce building on the corner of N. Broadway and West "A" Street.

Parking is available behind the building, accessible from West "A" Street.

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AOC Association of Oregon Counties

Oregon Association of Nurseries

Network of Oregon Watershed Councils

League of Oregon Cities

OAWU Since 1977 Serving Oregon's Water & Wastewater Systems

oregon association of CLEAN WATER agencies

LWV 90 League of Women Voters® of Oregon

WATERWATCH Protecting Natural Flows in Oregon Rivers

HDR One Company Many Solutions℠

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Oregon Farm Bureau

The Freshwater Trust Changing the course of conservation.

Oregon Cattlemen's Association

SDAO Special Districts Association of Oregon

Oregon Water Utilities Council

Oregon Water Resources Congress