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 an open house in Medford to share your concerns and priorities for Oregon's water future.

Medford Open House

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Medford Library

205 South Central Ave., Medford, OR 97501

- **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

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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
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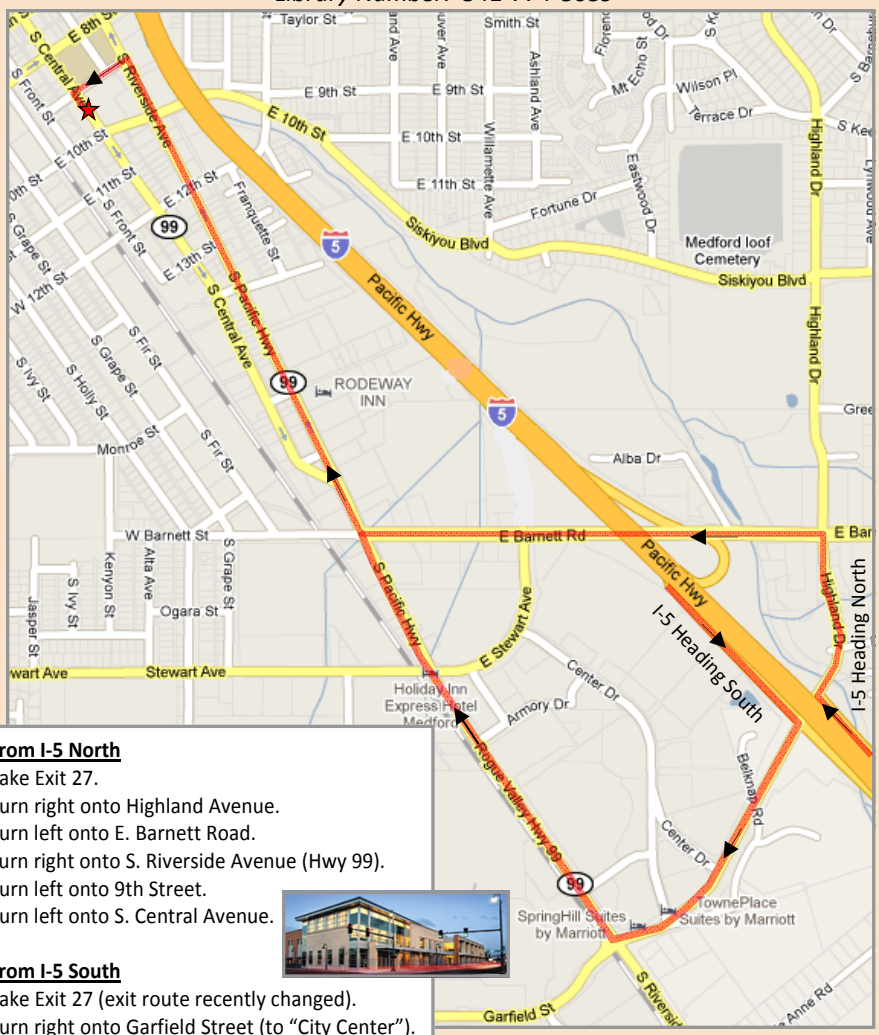

From I-5 North
Take Exit 27.
Turn right onto Highland Avenue.
Turn left onto E. Barnett Road.
Turn right onto S. Riverside Avenue (Hwy 99).
Turn left onto 9th Street.
Turn left onto S. Central Avenue.

From I-5 South
Take Exit 27 (exit route recently changed).
Turn right onto Garfield Street (to "City Center").
Turn right onto S. Riverside Avenue (Hwy 99).
Turn left onto 9th Street.
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