

Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy Framework

Vision:

Water Resources Commission: A statewide integrated water resources strategy will bring various sectors and interests together to work toward the common purpose of maintaining healthy water resources to meet the needs of Oregonians and Oregon's environment for generations to come.

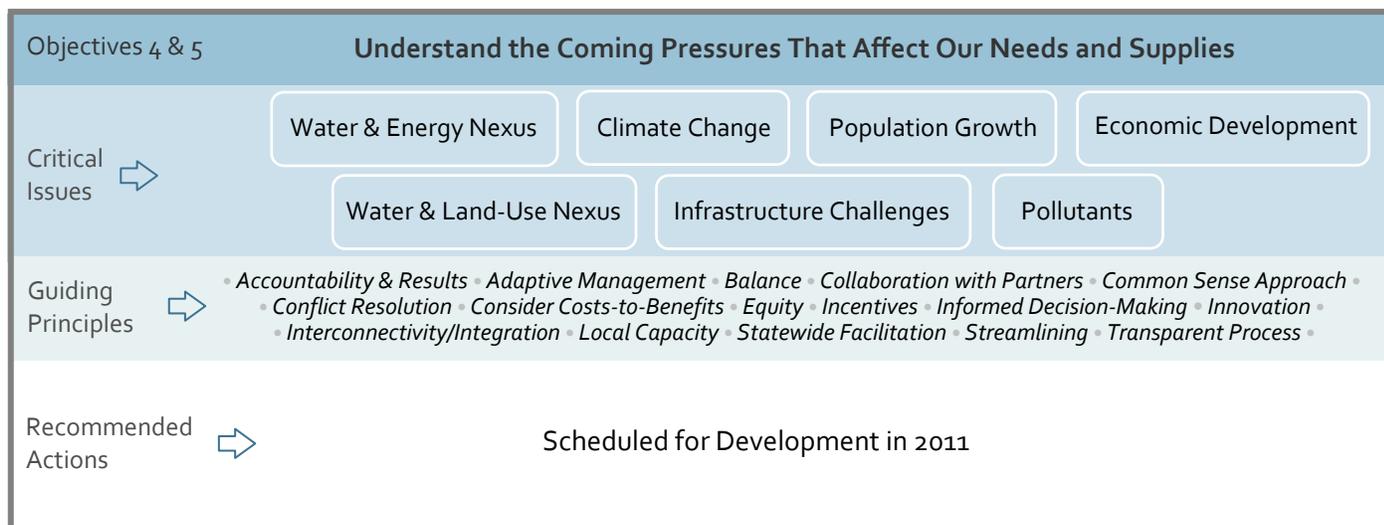
Policy Advisory Group: Everywhere in our State, we see healthy waters, able to sustain a healthy economy, environment, and cultures & communities. *Healthy waters...are abundant and clean. A healthy economy...is a diverse and balanced economy, nurturing and employing the State's natural resources and human capital to meet evolving local and global needs, including a desirable quality of life in urban and rural areas. A healthy environment...includes fully functioning ecosystems, including headwaters, river systems, wetlands, forests, floodplains, estuaries, and aquifers. Healthy cultures and communities... depend on adequate and reliable water supplies to sustain public health, safety, nourishment, recreation, sport, and other quality of life needs.*

Goal 1: Improve Understanding of Oregon's Water Resources

Objectives 1 & 2		Understand Both Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs	
Critical Issues	⇒	Further Define Instream Needs / Demands (i.e., left-in-place water)	Further Define Out-of-Stream Needs / Demands (i.e., diverted water)
Guiding Principles	⇒	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability & Results • Adaptive Management • Balance • Collaboration with Partners • Common Sense Approach • Conflict Resolution • Consider Costs-to-Benefits • Equity • Incentives • Informed Decision-Making • Innovation • Interconnectivity/Integration • Local Capacity • Statewide Facilitation • Streamlining • Transparent Process • 	
Recommended Actions	⇒	Scheduled for Development in 2011	

Objective 3		Understand Water Resources Today		
Critical Issues	⇒	Further Understand Limited Water Supplies & Systems (groundwater, surface water and their interaction)	Improve Water Quality & Water Quantity Information	Further Understand Our Water Management Institutions
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Goal 2: Meet Oregon's Water Resource Needs



Implementation:

An iterative process will help us evaluate whether the recommended actions meet the goals and objectives defined above. The process will include monitoring the implementation of recommended actions, a commitment to resolving conflicts that arise during the course of implementation, providing feedback on any successes or shortcomings, and evolving or adapting to new information or resources. As we learn lessons from the first round of implementation, we can adjust the Strategy as needed through formal adoption every five years.