

Place-Based Planning Updates July – December 2016

Program and Place-Based Updates

- At its August 18-19 meeting, the Water Resources Commission authorized the Department to expend reserve funds (\$93,000) to support the four planning groups.
- OWRD signed agreements with National Policy Consensus Center and the Association of Oregon Counties to provide collaboration training and technical assistance to the planning groups.
- Sustainable Northwest secured private funding to support a 2017 workshop for the planning groups. OWRD will match with \$5,000.
- Quarterly inter-agency meetings held with ODFW, ODA, and DEQ.
- Quarterly call held with the planning groups to hear updates, exchange ideas, and identify areas where support is needed.



Malheur Lake Basin

Conveners: Harney County Watershed Council & Court
OWRD Grant Award: \$135,000 (partial fund)

- Coordinating committee assembled and meeting monthly.
- Facilitator secured and project manager hired.
- Communication and outreach materials created, including handout and website.
- Ongoing outreach to stakeholders.
- 74 interested individuals attended an informational meeting on September 27.

Upcoming: Next Partnership meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017 in Burns, OR

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WEB: www.hcwatershedcouncil.com/community-based-water-planning

Planning Step 1

Upper Grande Ronde Sub-Basin

Convener: Union County
OWRD Grant Award: \$197,000 (full fund)

- Steering committee assembled and meeting regularly.
- Technical consultant secured.
- Draft governance agreement, outreach strategy and work plan distributed for review.
- Outreach materials developed.
- 40 interested individuals attended the first Stakeholder Group meeting on October 4.
- Two additional stakeholder meetings held.

Upcoming: Next stakeholder meeting scheduled for January 19, 2017 in La Grande, OR.

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WEB: <http://union-county.org/planning/place-based-integrated-water-resources-planning/>

Planning Step 1

Lower John Day Sub-Basin

Convener: Gilliam SWCD
OWRD Grant Award: \$190,000 (full fund)

- Steering committee assembled and meeting regularly.
- Capacity funding distributed to partners through a structured Request for Proposals process.
- Governance agreement being developed.
- Preliminary discussions about data needs to inform work plan development.
- Initial outreach plan developed to invite and engage additional stakeholders.

Upcoming: Next stakeholder meeting scheduled for January 18, 2017 in Condon.

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Planning Step 1

Mid-Coast Region

Conveners: City of Newport & OWRD
OWRD Grant Award: \$135,000 (partial fund)

- Coordinating committee assembled and meeting monthly.
- Communication and outreach materials created, including handout and website.
- Ongoing outreach to stakeholders.
- 63 interested individuals attended the first Partnership meeting on September 29.
- Second stakeholder meeting held November 30.
- Elements of a governance agreement drafted.

Upcoming: Next Partnership meeting scheduled for January 25, 2017 in Newport.

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Planning Step 1



Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning



Helping Oregon communities plan for their current and future water needs

Place-based planning is one of the recommended actions from the 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS). It provides an opportunity for communities to work collaboratively, in partnership with the state, to understand their water resources challenges and needs, and identify potential solutions to meet those needs. The place-based planning [draft guidelines](#) describe the five steps and key planning principles central to any place-based 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; and develop a work plan outlining how they will execute Planning Steps 2-5.

Planning Step 2

Gather information to understand current water resources and identify knowledge gaps – The planning group assesses and describes water resources in the basin, 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 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 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 plans to implement actions. The Water Resources Commission and other agencies will have an opportunity to formally accept 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
- Addresses instream and out-of-stream needs
- Looks at water quantity, quality and ecosystem needs in an integrated approach
- Creates 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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