

Place-Based Water Planning Updates July – December 2018

Program and Place-Based Updates

- Learning Partnership gatherings, supported by the Ford Family Foundation, held in July and November to support peer-to-peer learning between the different places.
- Planning Step 4 Guidance developed and delivered.
- Inter-agency meeting in October to begin Step 5 Guidance which includes inter-agency review process and criteria.
- Update to the Water Resources Commission in November.
- Technical assistance delivered by OWRD includes: water rights analyses, municipal water use/demand, report reviews.
- Oregon Climate Change Research Institute (OCCRI) climate change projections reports developed for Eastern Oregon.



Harney - Malheur Lake Basin

Conveners: Harney County Court & Watershed Council
OWRD Grant: \$150,000 Other Grants (to-date): \$133,625

Planning
Step 2/3

- Meetings of the full Collaborative held In July, October, and November.
- Hosted a Learning Partnership meeting.
- Four working groups gathering and discussing water data/information – 14 meetings in total.
- One consensus decision to support creation of a technical team to explore Conserve Reserve Enhancement Program Proposal for groundwater.
- Multiple presentations from content experts.
- Developing summaries of working group deliberations and findings for Steps 2/3.

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

Lower John Day Sub-Basin

Conveners: Gilliam SWCD & Wheeler SWCD
OWRD Grant: \$200,000 Other Grants (to-date): \$10,000

Planning
Step 2/3

- Partnership meetings held in July, August, September, October, and November with field tours in July and October of current and potential restoration sites.
- Public comment and review of Step 2 State of Water Resources Report invited from November to December. Considerable public outreach to encourage review and input. Public input incorporated into the Step 2 report in December.
- Step 3 subcommittees formed and meetings held in November and December.

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WEB: See the group [GoogleDrive Folder](#)

Upper Grande Ronde Sub-Basin

Conveners: Union County
OWRD Grant: \$207,000 Other Grants (to-date): \$10,000

Planning
Step 3/4

- [Step 3 Integrated Water Resources Needs and Vulnerabilities Report](#) completed.
- Stakeholder meetings held in August, September, and November.
- Field Trip to explore potential Step 4 solutions by visiting existing projects that were implemented to address water quality and quantity concerns for municipal, ecological, and agricultural users.
- Hosted a Learning Partnership meeting.

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Mid-Coast Region

Conveners: City of Newport, OWRD, Seal Rock Water District, Gibson Farms
OWRD Grant: \$150,000 Other Grants (to-date): \$405,000

Planning
Step 3

- Partnership meeting, hosted by the City of Yachats, held in October.
- 680 people participated in a survey by Oregon's Kitchen Table to share knowledge, values, and priorities about water.
- Regular meetings of three working groups (instream/ecological, self-supplied and municipal/water district supplied) to assess instream and out-of-stream water needs.
- Hiring a local planning coordinator was identified as a high need for the Partnership.

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Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning



Helping Oregonians plan for their current and future water needs

Place-based integrated water resources planning is one of the recommended actions from the 2012 and 2017 [Integrated Water Resources Strategy \(IWRS\)](#). It provides an opportunity for places 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 [DRAFT planning guidelines](#) describe the five steps and key planning principles central to any place-based integrated water resources 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 develop a shared understanding of current water resources and identify 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 and vulnerabilities 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 strategies to implement actions. The Water Resources Commission and other agencies will have an opportunity to formally recognize 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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