

Place-Based Planning Updates January – June 2018

Program and Place-Based Updates

- Initiated a partnership with the Climate Impacts Research Consortium (CIRC) to assist places with assessing climate impacts to supply and demand and developing adaptation strategies.
- Initiated a learning partnership with the Ford Family Foundation to support ongoing community building and peer-to-peer learning between places.
- Second annual Collaborative Water Gathering brought places together to share lessons learned and best practices in May.
- Inter-agency meetings in February, March, April, and May.
- Convener coordination calls in January and April.



Harney - Malheur Lake Basin

Conveners: Harney County Court & Watershed Council
OWRD Grant: \$150,000 Other Grants (to-date): \$163,000

- Meetings of the full Collaborative held January and April.
- Four working groups (domestic/municipal, ecological, vegetation management, agricultural [groundwater]) convened to gather and analyze water data/information.
- Multiple presentations from content experts.
- Developing written summaries of working group deliberations and findings.
- Recipient of grants from private foundations.

Planning
Step 2/3

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

Lower John Day Sub-Basin

Convener: Gilliam SWCD & Wheeler SWCD
OWRD Grant: \$220,000

- Partnership meetings held in January, February, March, April, May, and June.
- Finishing up and reviewing Step 2 State of Water Resources Report – a draft will be sent out for public review this summer.
- Continue work to assemble Step 3 information.
- Significant partner contributions to Step 2 and Step 3 through a partner RFP.
- Successful public outreach event held in April with 50+ attendees.

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WEB: Under development – see the group [DropBox](#)

Upper Grande Ronde Sub-Basin

Convener: Union County
OWRD Grant: \$207,000

- [Step 2 State of Water Resources Report](#) completed and approved by consensus.
- Stakeholder meetings held in January, February, March, April, and May.
- Four working groups (agricultural, municipal, instream, and natural hazards) met multiple times to assess current and future demands.
- Information exchange convened with other places to examine methods to estimate agricultural water use.
- Step 3 report anticipated Summer 2018.

Planning
Step 3

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

Mid-Coast Region

Conveners: City of Newport, OWRD, Seal Rock Water District, Gibson Farms
OWRD Grant: \$150,000 Other Grants (to-date): \$205,000

- [Step 2 Water Resources Report](#) completed.
- Technical assistance secured from the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Three working groups convened to assess instream and out-of-stream water needs/demands.
- Partnership meetings held in January and May.
- Public event held in June with 30+ attendees.
- Two additional local conveners approved by consensus of the Partnership.

Planning
Step 3

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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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