

## Engagement Plan for HB3293 for Best Practices Document:

**Outreach and engagement will be accomplished with all six agencies working together through an interagency workgroup and will involve the creation of Best Practices for community engagement.**

This plan aims to facilitate meaningful engagement among agencies, disproportionately impacted communities, local organizations, governments, tribes, as well as interested members of the wider public. To ensure diverse perspectives, the agencies are actively creating spaces for extensive feedback from numerous voices.

The agencies co-leading this process will collaborate with partners to refine Best Practices for water projects and co-create materials to help guide the use of Best Practices. While the agencies have set forth an ambitious timeline for completing engagement, the agencies are committed to working at a pace that aligns with partners comfort levels in sharing ideas.

Agencies are proposing to offer multiple avenues for engagement. Below is a brief overview of the four proposed approaches for engagement and outreach around HB3293 Best Practices Document.

### **A. Government and Council Presentations and Discussions**

Government-to-government consultation and coordination is an important step to implementing HB3293. Co-leading agencies are also planning to engage directly with Federally recognized Oregon Tribal Governments through sending letters and invitations to collaborate through roundtables and on-on-one meetings. Below is a short list of upcoming presentations and engagement opportunities. More meetings and presentations will be added to this list on a as needed basis.

- Water CORE Team Presentation (February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024)
- Natural Resources Work Group Presentation (February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024)
- Environmental Justice Council Presentation (June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024)

### **B. Virtual Open House**

An Open House or Community Information Session is an engagement tool for information sharing to a larger group of communities and members of the public. This format allows for two-way information sharing, but through an organized format which can include presentations by participants and targeted questions/answers.

***Participant List:*** General Press Release Outlets and grant specific program recipient email lists.  
***(109 people attended the open house)***

- ***Date: March 14<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm***

**C. Community Roundtable (virtual)**

A community roundtable is a highly interactive engagement tool that that gathers small groups of community members to facilitate the open and transparent sharing of information. By keeping the number of people within a roundtable of about 15 persons, it helps to ensure time and space for everyone’s voices to be heard. Roundtable discussions are designed to encourage knowledge sharing and peer exchange between community members and can be accomplished in virtual meetings. Each of the identified groups/organizations were asked to select one person to attend the roundtable. Agencies will also attend the roundtables.

**Participant List:**

- Association of Oregon Counties
  - League of Oregon Cities
  - Oregon Association of Water Utilities
  - Oregon Water Resources Congress – Irrigation Districts
  - Coalition of Communities of Color - Oregon Water Futures
  - Verde - Oregon Water Futures
  - Unite Oregon - Oregon Water Futures
  - Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO)
  - Soil and Water Conservation Districts
  - Watershed Councils
  - Sustainable Northwest - Oregon Water Partnership
  - Wild Salmon Center - Oregon Water Partnership
  - Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)
  - Willamette Partnership
  - Water Watch
  - Trout Unlimited
- ***Dates: April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 1-3pm and May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 1-3pm***

**D. Written Public Comment Period**

As one of the final steps to engagement, Best Practices will be put out for a 30-day written public comment period. Public comments will be compiled and reviewed by all agencies in a collaborative process to improve the overall Best Practices document.

- ***Anticipated Dates: June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024 through July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024***