

# Integrated Water Resources Planning Grants

## An Overview of Place-Based Planning, Agency Involvement, and Lessons



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## Help Address Oregon's Instream and Out-of-Stream Water Needs



### Placed-Based Planning

Plan & identify actions



### Feasibility Study Grants

Investigate feasibility

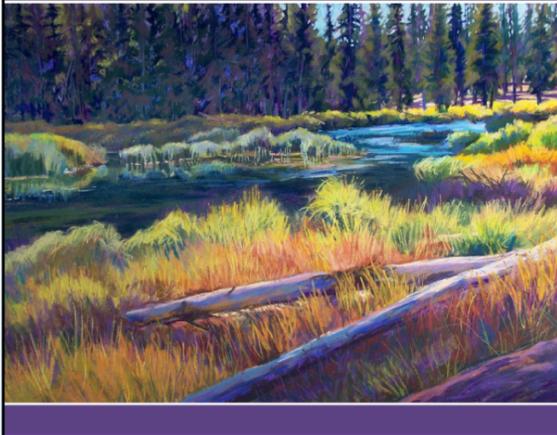


### Water Project Grants & Loans

Implement

# Origins of Place-Based Planning

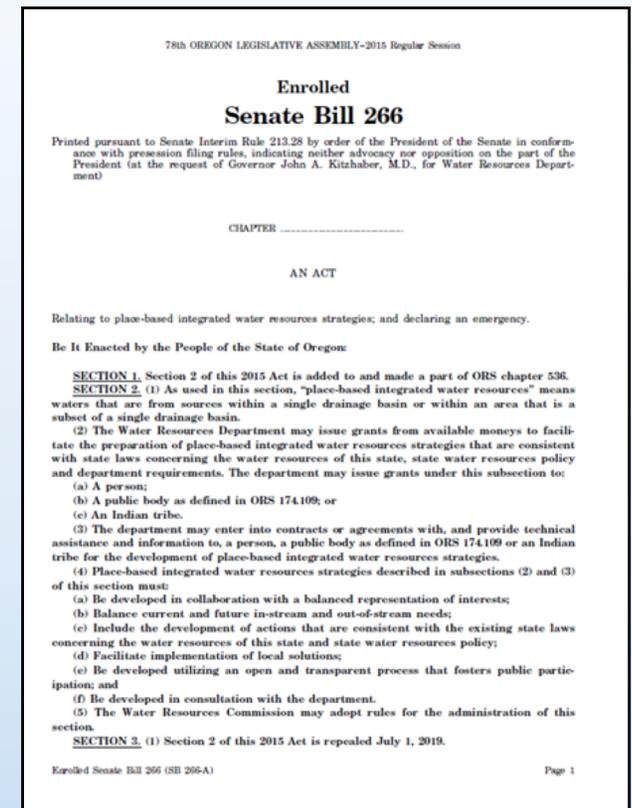
Oregon's **2017**  
Integrated Water Resources Strategy



**2012 + 2017**  
**IWRS**



**2015 Draft Guidelines**



**2015 Senate Bill 266**

## Pilot Phase Objectives



- Test the Draft Planning Guidelines
- Gain experience to inform the IWRS
- Develop two plans by 2019
- Inspire collaboration & integration
- Build local capacity and support
- Leverage funding & maximize investments

# Five Planning Steps

Step 1 - Build a collaborative and inclusive process

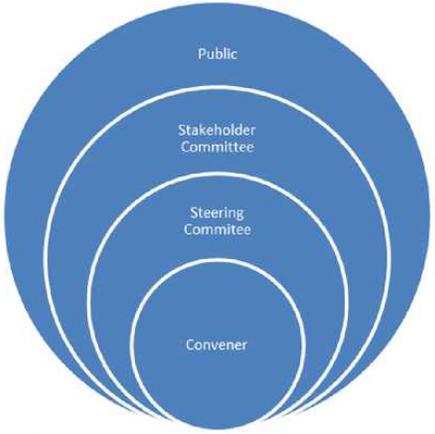
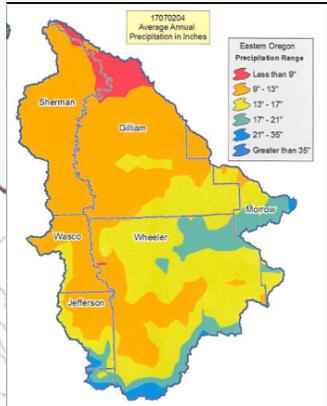
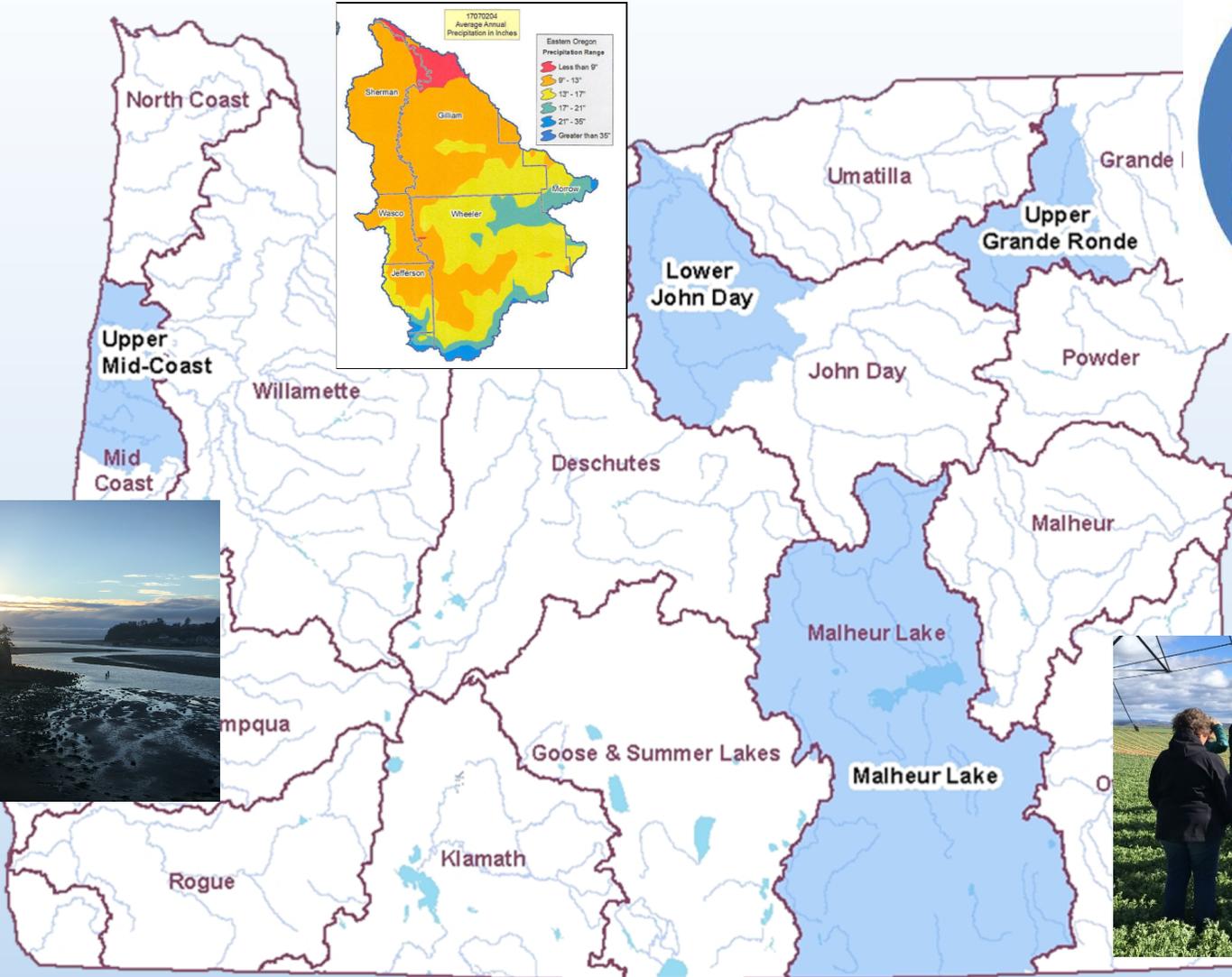
Step 2 – Characterize current conditions and identify knowledge gaps

Step 3 - Determine current and future needs and vulnerabilities

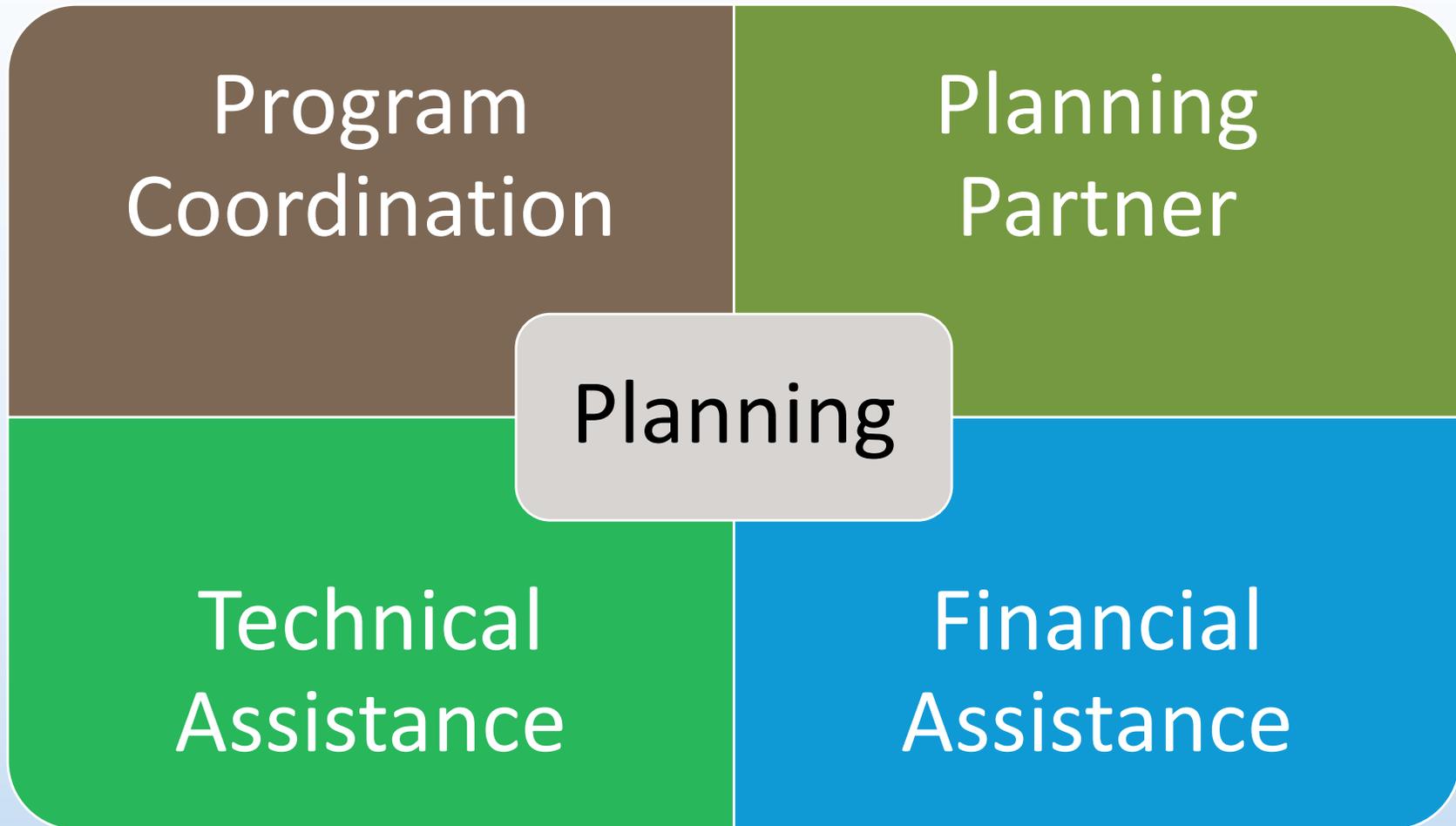
Step 4 - Identify integrated solutions to meet needs

Step 5 - Develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan

# Four Places in Pilot Phase



# State Agency Roles



# Program Coordination

**OUTCOME:** Learning as we go and implementing continuous improvements

**LESSON:** Pre-planning assessment & orientation

**CHALLENGE:** Need to balance structure & flexibility

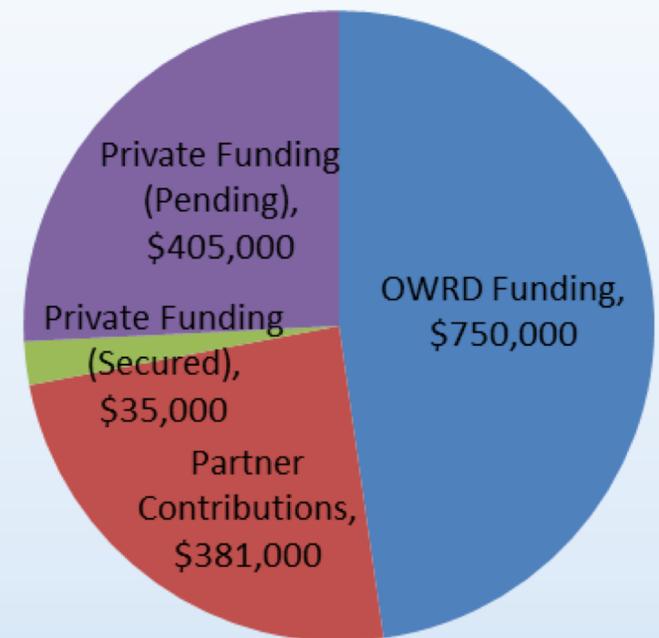


# Financial Assistance

**OUTCOME:** Public, private, and community investments

**LESSON:** True cost of planning more than anticipated

**CHALLENGE:** Adequate funding to complete and implement plans



# Planning Partner

**OUTCOME:** New partnerships at all levels

**LESSON:** Our role as a planning partner differs for each place

**CHALLENGE:** Collaborative water planning requires time to build trust, relationships, & capacity





# Technical Assistance

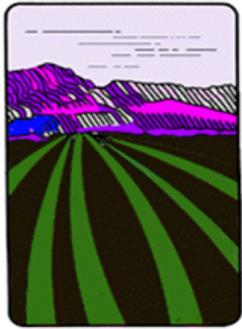


**OUTCOME:** Increased access to agency information

**LESSON:** Need to be responsive AND proactive

**CHALLENGE:** Complex concepts, competing demands





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# General Approach & Philosophy of PBP Process

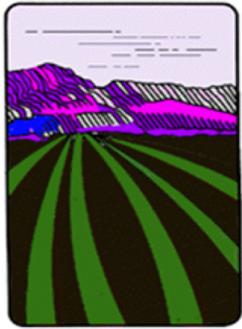
**Approach:** ODA is a non-voting participant

- Fully supportive of stakeholder-driven process

**Position of ODA:** When given the necessary support, a community can effectively resolve their challenges

**Philosophy:** *You can give someone a fish to eat for that day, or you can teach the person to fish so they can eat for a lifetime (paraphrase from Lao-Tzu) .*

- Assistance and support are provided so stakeholders become familiar with the processes, tools, data and other resources related to studies, issues, etc.



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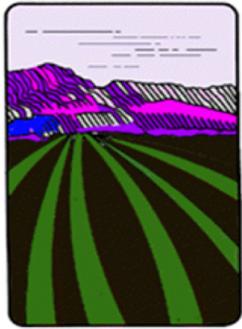
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## Categories of Assistance:

- Technical, Editorial, Logistical, Moral

## Examples -- Early Stages of PBP Processes:

- Technical Committees & Work Groups
- Special Topics Presentations (models, data; climate, hydrologic change, analysis methods)
- Logistical Support (“living” process/reports)
- Written sections for and reviewed reports
- Conducted Harney Basin Precipitation & Temp. Study
- Helped identify data, knowledge and policy gaps



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## Contributions to Solutions & Long-Term Planning Stages:

- Groundwater CREP Advisory Committee (Stephanie & Margaret)
- Potential Collaboration with NASA
- Exploring Development of a Groundwater Drought Index
- Collaborating with USFS, BLM, OSU Extension, non-profits and tribes on:
  - Forest Management/Watershed Health
  - Instrumented Watersheds and Model Development

# Planning Step Status of Four Places



# 2020 Preview

First Plan – Upper  
Grande Ronde  
anticipated in  
summer/fall



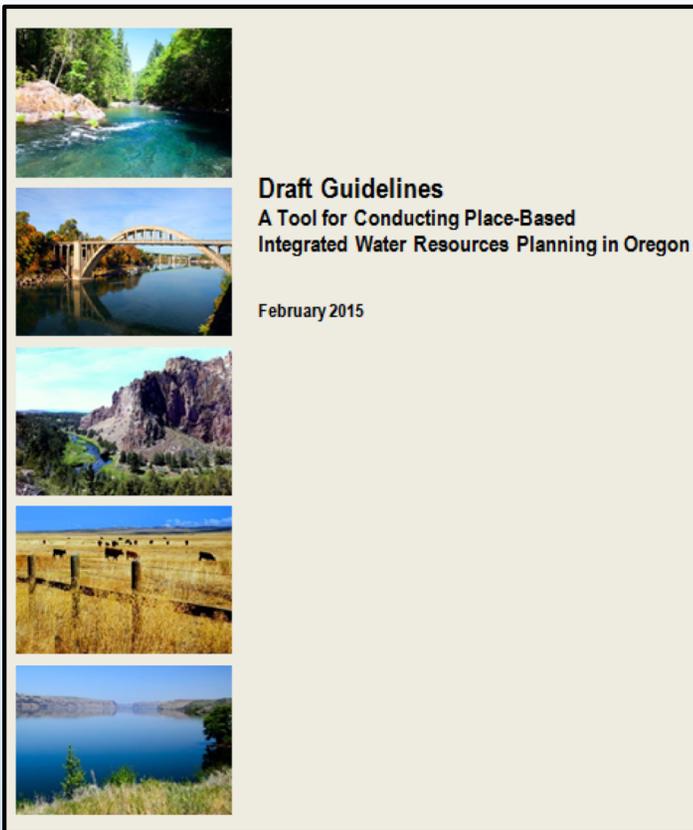
Second Plan –  
Lower John Day  
anticipated in  
winter



Evaluation of the Pilot Phase

Statewide Planning Needs Assessment

# State Recognition Process



State agency review of Draft Plan  
Agency Recommendation

Water Resources Commission  
consideration of Final Plan

State-Recognition

Inclusion in update to IWRS

# Questions and discussion?

