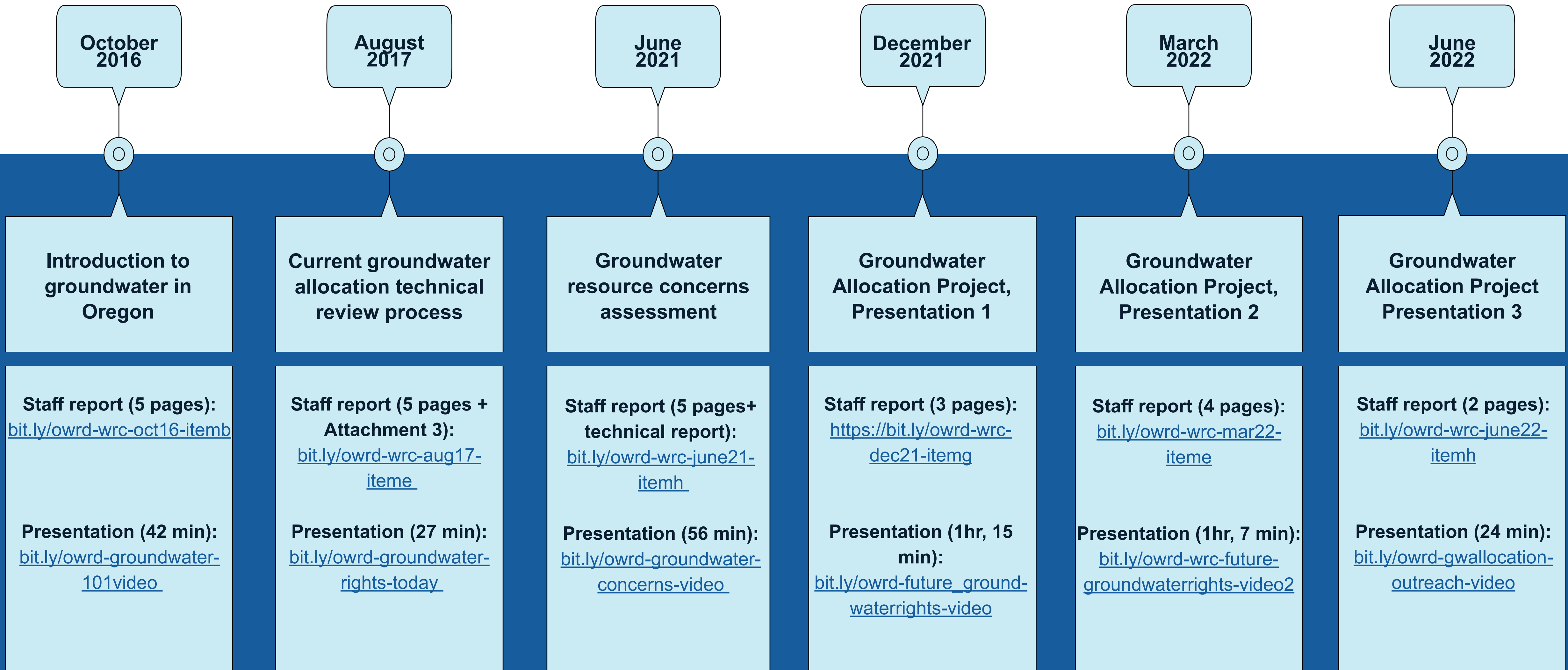


Oregon Groundwater Allocation Background

Relevant staff reports and presentations to the Commission



Descriptions of staff reports and presentations

Introduction to groundwater in Oregon

A high-level overview of Oregon's physical groundwater resources and resource development. The presentation provides a "Groundwater 101" primer, describes groundwater development over time, and presents groundwater data showing water level trends in various parts of the state. Review this for a foundational understanding of groundwater conditions in Oregon.

Current groundwater allocation technical review process

A step-by-step summary of how the Department performs a technical review of applications for new groundwater rights. Review this to understand how the Department currently assesses the potential effects of issuing new water rights.

Groundwater resource concerns assessment

A state-wide, data-driven assessment of concerns associated with the development of groundwater resources in Oregon. Review this to understand several factors motivating the Commission's direction to revisit groundwater allocation rules today.

Groundwater Allocation Project, Presentation 1

Some of the consequences of the current allocation review system, and alternatives for updating the process by which the Department assesses the potential impacts associated with applications for new groundwater rights. Review this to understand the Commission's direction to prioritize the development of updated groundwater allocation rules.

Groundwater Allocation Project Presentation 2

Concepts for a new groundwater allocation policy that is more protective of senior surface water users presented to the Commission. Review this to understand the Department's proposal to evaluate new applications for groundwater rights in the context of water availability, taking into account the long term and cumulative impacts to senior water rights issued to date.

Groundwater Allocation Project, Presentation 3

Recommendation to the Commission to gather public input before drafting proposed rule changes. Review this to understand the recommendation to hold this set of public meetings.