

# Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning

Collaborative, community-based solutions to meet water needs for people, the environment, and the economy

We all face different water challenges but recognize that water is a shared responsibility and we can accomplish more when we work together. Local leaders are convening diverse water partners in four places across Oregon to better understand our instream and out-of-stream water needs and develop integrated solutions to meet those needs. We are undertaking complex, multi-year collaborative planning efforts that will facilitate implementation of local solutions and help the state make progress on multiple recommended actions in the Integrated Water Resources Strategy. Over the first two years of planning, we have increased public access to and use of technical information from agency partners, built trust and relationships between different water interests, and leveraged investments from private funders and planning partners. We have identified some critical gaps and needs that, if addressed, will help us succeed and lead the way for other places to plan for their water future using collaborative, integrated approaches.

## What places need to succeed...

### Harney Basin

Co-convened by the Harney County Court and Watershed Council

- Continued financial support
- Continued support of the Harney Groundwater Study
- Help addressing barriers to agricultural water conservation
- Better understanding of groundwater supported ecology



### Mid-Coast Region

Co-convened by the City of Newport, OWRD, Seal Rock Water District, and Gibson Farms

- Continued financial support
- Better understanding of: instream water needs; climate change impacts to water supply and demands
- Increased partner capacity



### Lower John Day Sub-Basin

Co-convened by the Gilliam SWCD and Mid-John Day Watershed Council

- Continued financial support
- Better understanding of groundwater resources; instream water needs; climate change impacts to water supply and demands



### Upper Grande Ronde Sub-Basin

Convened by Union County

- Continued financial support
- Better understanding of: groundwater resources; instream water needs; and, climate change impacts to water supply and demands
- Increased agency assistance



## How can the State support these efforts?

- ✓ Continued financial assistance to support coordination, facilitation, and technical expertise to sustain the process and support partner capacity
- ✓ Investments to improve understanding of instream/ecological water needs, groundwater supplies, and water supply under changing climate conditions
- ✓ Increased agency capacity to provide technical assistance and participate in planning

**Call local conveners to learn more about our vision, our work, and what we need to succeed:**

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