

Q. Why is everyone talking about water?

- A. Local, state, and national news media are filled with stories about water, from drought and scarcity to flooding and pollution.

Oregon's east side receives very little rain, and in the summer months, the whole state is hot and dry. Groundwater levels are declining in many places; many of our water bodies have impaired water quality; and fish and their habitat are not as healthy as they used to be. Demands for all types of water use continue to change.

These challenges, along with those posed by climate change, population growth, and land-use change, highlight the urgency for a state-wide strategy that meets Oregon's water needs.

Oregon's natural resource and economic development agencies are now developing Oregon's first Integrated Water Resources Strategy and invite you to an open house in Ontario to share your concerns and priorities for Oregon's water future.



Ontario Open House

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

4 p.m. to 7 p.m., MDT

Holiday Inn, Sawtooth Banquet Room

1249 Tapadera Avenue, Ontario, OR 97914

- **Project Overview, followed by Discussions**
Program begins at 4:00 and again at 5:30
- **Project Showcase**
Local water resource partnerships and projects
- **Map Gallery**
Challenges & opportunities for our water resources
- **Kids' Center**
Water-related word find, coloring, and more



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Lead Agencies:

Oregon Water Resources Department
 Department of Environmental Quality
 Department of Fish and Wildlife
 Department of Agriculture

State of Oregon Partners:

Oregon Business Development Dept.
 Department of Energy
 Department of Forestry
 Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries
 Dept. of Housing & Comm. Services
 Dept. of Human Services
 Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
 Department of State Lands
 Department of Transportation
 Parks & Recreation Department
 Watershed Enhancement Board
 The Governor's Office

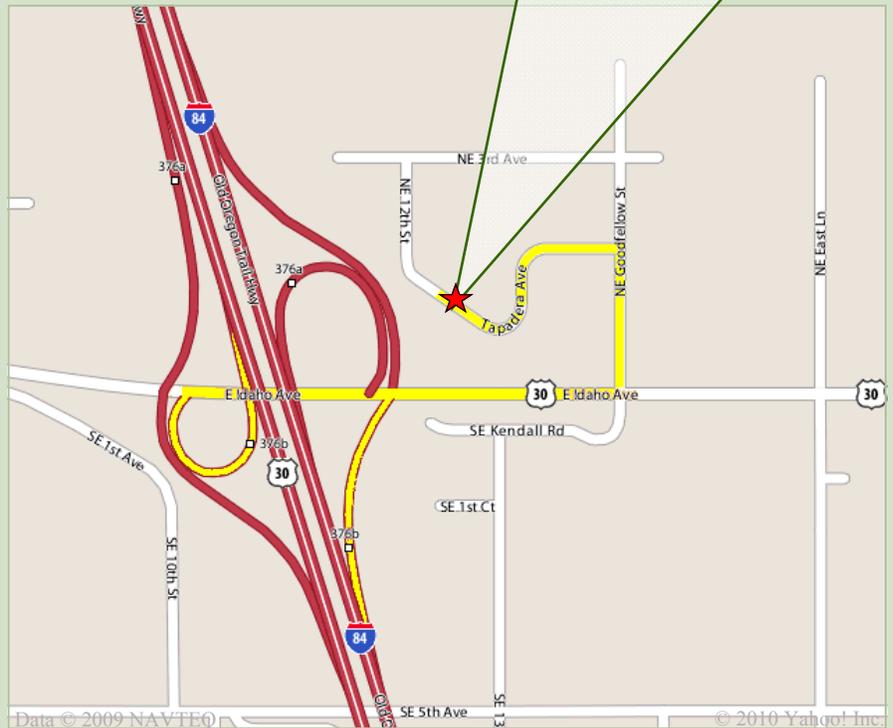
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Directions to Ontario Holiday Inn - 1249 Tapadera Avenue

From I-84

- Take exit 376 B (US-30 E)
- Turn right on E. Idaho Avenue (US-30 BR/Olds Ferry-Ontario Hwy)
- At about 0.5 mile, turn left on NE Goodfellow Street
- Take a quick left onto Tapadera Avenue
- The Holiday Inn is located on the right



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