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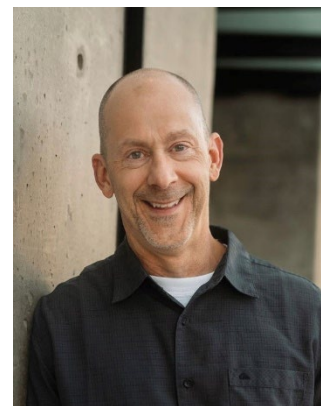
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Ivan Gall Confirmed as Director of the Oregon Water Resources Department

SALEM, ORE. — The Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) is pleased to announce the confirmation of Ivan Gall as the Department's new director, following his executive appointment by Governor Tina Kotek and confirmation by the Oregon Senate. Gall brings a wealth of experience and a commitment to this critical role of sustainable water management.

As the head of OWRD, Gall will oversee the state's water resources, ensuring their responsible allocation, conservation, and protection. His extensive background in water science, policy, and administration uniquely positions him to address the challenges facing Oregon's water supply.



"I am honored to serve as the director of the Oregon Water Resources Department," said Gall. "Water is our most essential resource and I am committed to working collaboratively with our water partners across Oregon to ensure its availability for generations to come."

Ivan Gall brings over 30 years of experience in water science, water resource management, and environmental policy. Over his tenure with OWRD, Gall has served as a hydrogeologist, region and section manager, and administrator, before most recently serving as interim deputy director since September 2022. He has worked to reorganize field staff into new watermaster districts (Willamette, Crooked and Walla Walla river basins) and created a sixth region to focus on complex water issues in the Klamath and Goose/Summer Lake basins. His expertise in water rights, irrigation, and sustainable practices will be invaluable as Oregon faces increasing demands on its water supply due to population growth, climate change, and competing uses.

The confirmation of Ivan Gall as director comes after a rigorous selection process, during which his qualifications, vision, and commitment to public service were thoroughly evaluated. His tenure begins July 1, and he is eager to collaborate with OWRD staff, water partners, Tribes, and the public to safeguard Oregon's water resource.

About the Oregon Water Resources Department: The Oregon Water Resources Department is responsible for managing and protecting the state's water resources. Its mission is to ensure the sustainable use of water for current and future generations while balancing the needs of agriculture, industry, municipalities, and the environment. For more information, please visit oregon.gov/owrd.

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