

Appendix E

Agency Priorities 2025-2033

State agencies identified three priority areas, inspired by recent conversations with federally recognized sovereign Tribal Nations, communities impacted by groundwater contamination in the Umatilla Basin, dry domestic well issues in several basins, increasing water scarcity that impacts people, species, ecosystems, and statewide effects of climate change.

Each priority area includes several tasks that require coordination across multiple agencies. There are 15 priority tasks summarized in the tables below. Each task relates to one or more of the 48 Strategy Actions, as listed.

The implementation of these tasks will depend upon agency capacity and the availability of other resources. Agency priorities provide a helpful reference for Strategy workplan development, budget development, and legislative pursuits.

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	Priority Area 1: Act with Urgency to Protect Instream and Out-of-Stream Uses				
Task	P1.1 Reduce unauthorized water use and gain compliance with other water laws	P1.2 Provide guidance for what constitutes reasonable use of water	P1.3 Increase the use of existing programs and tools and develop new programs and tools that protect priority waters and/or watersheds that support instream needs and promote resiliency	P1.4 Expand efforts to protect the quality of surface and groundwater sources that provide drinking water to Oregonians	P1.5 Implement improvements to water permitting processes to improve transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness of decisions
IWRS Actions	8C, 10E, 10F, 13B	8C, 10F, 13B	10F, 11A-11E, 13B, 13C	11A-11E, 12A-12C, 13B, 13C	10F, 13B
Agency(ies)	DSL, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD	OWRD, ODA	DSL, ODEQ, ODFW, OPRD, OWEB, OWRD	DLCD, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	DOGAMI, ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD
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	Priority Area 2: Assist the State and Communities to Prepare for Water Scarcity				
Task	P2.1 Increase quality and accessibility of water availability, water use, and water demand information	P2.2 Modernize water data systems and website user interfaces to facilitate wider data sharing amongst agencies and the public and enhanced customer service	P2.3 Improve understanding of instream and out-of-stream needs through increased numbers of completed basin assessments, instream flow studies, and clean water plans	P2.4 Increase the number of communities and Tribes that have completed or are participating in water planning efforts to meet instream and out-of-stream water needs, protect drinking water sources, improve water quality and promote drought resiliency	P2.5 Increase the involvement of OWRD in advisory committees for Economic Opportunity Analyses (EOAs) and implement other actions to better align land use planning and actions with water resource goals
IWRS Actions	1A, 3A, 13B	1C, 13B	1A-1D, 2A-2C, 13B	9A, 9E, 13B	6A, 13B
Agency(ies)	OWRD	DLCD, DSL, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD	DLCD, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	DLCD, OWRD
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	Priority Area 3: Adapt to Water Scarcity by Stretching Our Water Supplies				
Task	P3.1 Increase the pace and scale of completion of water reuse and aquifer storage, recovery and recharge projects that support resilience and protect the environment	P3.2 Increase the number of water users that are planning for or implementing water conservation, efficiency, or modernization efforts that support resilience or improve instream flows	P3.3 Align existing and future agency funding and incentives programs to further instream flow restoration, groundwater recharge, source water protection, and water quality and habitat improvement efforts in priority basins/watersheds	P3.4 Identify priority areas and/or guidance for new above and below ground storage that would support resilience and protect public health and the environment	P3.5 Improve water right transfer processing times for lower risk transfers to facilitate the movement of water to high-priority use
IWRS Actions	10B, 10C, 10F, 13B, 13C	7A, 9A, 10A, 13B, 13C	11A-11E, 12A, 13B, 13C	10C	10F, 13B
Agency(ies)	ODEQ, ODFW, OHA, OWEB, OWRD	OWEB, OWRD, ODA	ODEQ, ODFW, OWEB, OWRD	ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD	ODEQ, ODFW, OWRD
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Agency Acronyms: DLCD – Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development DOGAMI – Department of Geology and Mineral Industries DSL – Department of State Lands ODA – Oregon Department of Agriculture ODEQ – Oregon Department of Environmental Quality	ODFW – Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife OHA – Oregon Health Authority OPRD – Oregon Parks and Recreation Department OWEB – Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board OWRD – Oregon Water Resources Department
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