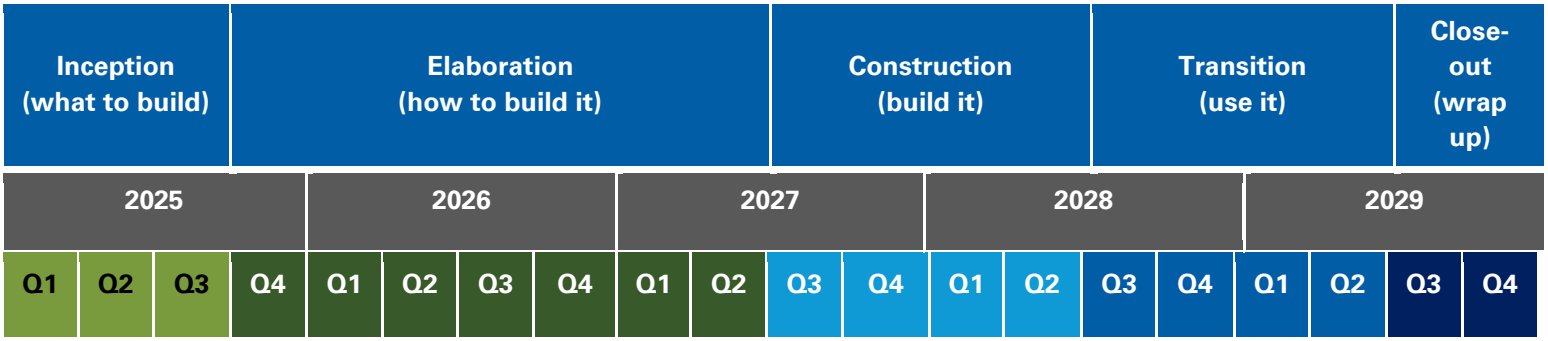
SWIMS Progress Report



Progress Report (July – September 2025)

- The project team has held a kick-off meeting with a Technical Advisory Group (TAG) of 14 subject matter experts in hydrologic and water resource sciences. Feedback from the TAG will inform decisions related to data and methods used to calculate water availability.
- An Internal Working Group (IWG) has been created to support the Surface Water Information Modeling System (SWIMS) project and consists of OWRD staff who are impacted by the project in terms of work, resources, or outcomes.
- Project team hydrologists have evaluated streamflow data collected by 52 gaging stations measuring minimally impacted flow (e.g., regulation, withdrawal) operated by OWRD and the US Geological Survey to better understand data requirements when building a model to estimate natural streamflow conditions.
- Six locations have been designated for streamgage installation to collect flow data where information is limited or unavailable. Installations are following the typical protocol established by the Hydrographics program.
- Since July 1, the Hydrographics program has published 80 water years of record associated with gages of interest to the SWIMS project. There are 913 water years of flow record remaining to be published.
- Estelle Robichaux started in the Policy Analyst position on October 1 and will support the SWIMS project.