



Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy

UNDERSTANDING & MEETING OREGON'S INSTREAM AND OUT-OF-STREAM NEEDS

Implementation Update – Place-Based Planning in Oregon



OUR MISSION

To serve the public by practicing and promoting responsible water management through two key goals:

- (1) to directly address Oregon's water supply needs, and
- (2) to restore and protect streamflows and watersheds in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's ecosystems, economy, and quality of life.

Background

In August 2012, the Water Resources Commission adopted Oregon's first Integrated Water Resources Strategy. It contains more than 40 recommended actions, one of which is aimed at encouraging place-based approaches to integrated water resources planning. The state of Oregon is in the process of developing guidelines that can facilitate place-based planning efforts within Oregon communities, with the ultimate goal of meeting current and future water needs – instream and out-of-stream, including water quantity, water quality, and ecosystem needs.

Release of Discussion Paper & Draft Guidelines

The Oregon Water Resources Department has released a Discussion Paper that examines regional or local water planning approaches from three western states – California's Integrated Regional Water Management, Texas' Regional Water Planning Program, and Washington's Watershed Planning process. The purpose of this paper is to highlight several key planning elements that could inform Oregon's approach to place-based, integrated water resources planning. Several questions are posed throughout the paper, and serve as a starting point for discussion with stakeholders and the public.

The Discussion Paper is available on the Department's website, at the following address:
http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/LAW/docs/IWRS/2014_03_10_IWRS_Place_Based_Discussion_Paper_Final.pdf

Opportunities to Share Your Thoughts

We want your help in shaping Oregon's approach to place-based planning. Any comments, suggestions, or input we receive from you are important to this process. If your organization is interested in hosting a workshop discussion, please contact us. Public comments can also be sent directly to waterstrategy@wrд.state.or.us or to the address listed below. Comments will be accepted through **Monday, June 30, 2014**.

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