



INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY

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

Public Hearings This Week: May 18 – 22, 2015

The Water Resources Department will hold public hearings on proposed Division 93 rules governing grants and loans for water supply development projects to be funded under SB839 (2013). Hearings will be held this week in Pendleton (5-18), Ontario (5-19), Bend (5-20), Grants Pass (5-21), and Salem (5-22). An open house will take place prior to each hearing at the same location. The public comment period for proposed rules closes on Friday, May 22 at 5:00 pm.

[Public Hearings & Open House Schedule](#)

Feasibility Grants Now Available

The Water Resources Department is currently soliciting applications for its feasibility grant program. The program provides match funding for project planning studies that evaluate the feasibility of developing water conservation, reuse, or storage projects. The application period closes on Friday, July 31, 2015. A second application cycle will open later this summer. More information about the program can be found online. The public can also join a mailing list to stay informed of future Department funding opportunities.

[Feasibility Grant Program Website](#)

[Mailing List for Funding Opportunities](#)

Place-Based Planning Guidelines Online

Draft guidelines for place-based integrated water resources planning are now available on the IWRS Project website.

Thank you to everyone that contributed comments and hosted workshop discussions in 2014. The Department is currently seeking grants from the Oregon Legislature to support collaborative water resources planning efforts at the local level.

[Place-Based Planning Handout](#) & [Planning Guidelines](#)

Oregon DEQ Releases Toxics Assessment Report

The Department of Environmental Quality recently completed a five-year study that assessed the presence and concentration of toxic chemicals in Oregon's waters. A summary report, released in April 2015, is available online.

[Study Factsheet](#) & [Toxics Assessment Report](#)

Updated Guidebook for Municipalities

The Water Resources Department has released an updated Municipal Water Management and Conservation Plan (WMCP) Guidebook. The updated guidebook expands and improves upon existing tools and guidance originally published in May 2003.

A pdf version of the updated Municipal WMCP Guidebook can be accessed on the Department's website. Thank you to the League of Oregon Cities, Oregon Association of Water Utilities, Special Districts Association of Oregon, and many others for reviewing and contributing to the new guidebook.

[March 2015 WMCP Guidebook](#)

Willamette Reservoir Study to Launch in 2015

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers received approval in early 2015 to launch a study that will examine options for adjusting reservoir operations to meet long-term water needs in the basin for both instream and out-of-stream uses. This is a three-year cooperative effort with the Water Resources Department that will involve various interests and stakeholders in the basin. To be involved or find information about the Study, such as meeting announcements, reports, and other updates, consider subscribing to the e-mail distribution list.

[Willamette Mailing List](#)

Oregon's Next Strategy Due in 2017

The Integrated Water Resources Strategy is updated every five years and the next version is due in 2017. Check the website often for opportunities to participate in the 2017 Update. Meetings and various announcements will be made through the IWRS Mailing List.

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