



INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES STRATEGY

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

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Public Review Draft of the 2017 Integrated Water Resources Strategy Now Available

The 2017 public review draft of Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy is now available on-line. First adopted by the state in 2012, this document retains the original 13 guiding principles. It also retains the original goals and objectives—understanding and meeting Oregon's instream and out-of-stream needs, including water quantity, water quality, and ecosystem needs.

The 2017 public review draft introduces several important topics not captured in the 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy, including extreme events (such as droughts), public safety / dam safety, field presence, permitting programs, groundwater protections, and funding for planning and projects. Some existing recommended actions have been revised to reflect progress made in recent years. Much of the background information has been updated with new reports, graphs, and maps. This new version includes cited references at the end of each chapter, along with embedded links to resources or partner websites. See the "Note to Reader" section at the beginning of the document to help orient you to what elements are new to this version, how to comment, and what to expect for the remainder of 2017.

The public comment period will be open for 90 days. The Water Resources Department will accept comments on this Public Review Draft through **Wednesday, July 19, 2017**.

Readers can access the document here: http://www.oregon.gov/OWRD/pages/law/integrated_water_supply_strategy.aspx.

Public comments can be sent electronically to waterstrategy@wrd.state.or.us or by mail to:

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Notification to Boards and Commissions

The Water Resources Department will visit with other state boards and commissions this spring, sharing the 2017 public review draft with the Watershed Enhancement Board, Board of Agriculture, Land Conservation and Development Commission, Fish and Wildlife Commission, and the Environmental Quality Commission.

The Water Resources Commission plans to take verbal public comments on the 2017 public review draft during its May 2017 meeting. All public comments received will be shared with the Water Resources Commission during its August meeting, with Commission adoption scheduled for November 2017.