



Our water challenges

- Over the last few years some water suppliers have struggled to meet existing demands. A 2008 study found that, given current supplies and infrastructure, several water suppliers may be unable to meet demand by 2020.
- Low summer stream flow and limited water storage create pressures to meet the needs of communities for drinking water while maintaining stream flows critical for fish, recreation and industry.
- Many of our communities and their water systems are vulnerable to natural hazards, such as impacts of drought, earthquakes and tsunamis and are not prepared to respond to such events.

Defining our water future

Over the next three years, the Partnership will explore strategies to:

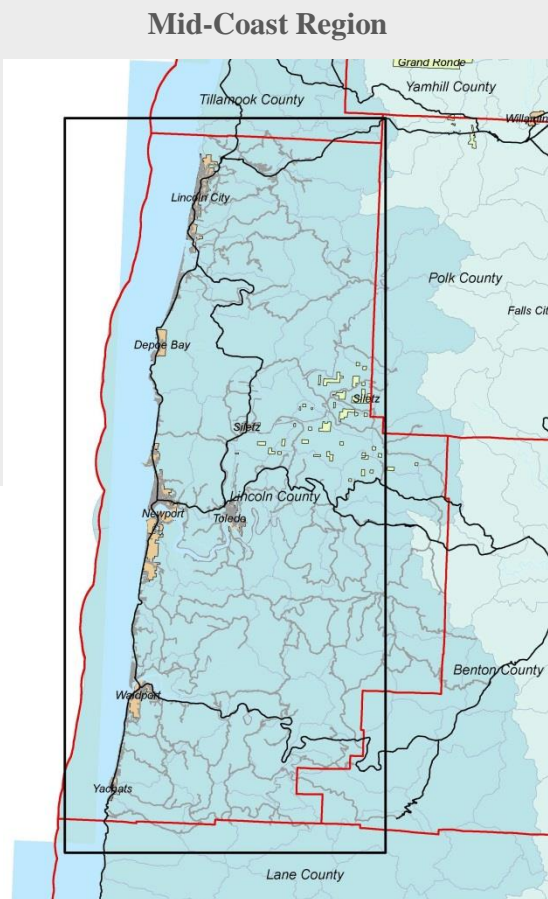
- Replace aging infrastructure, improve conservation, enhance regional water supply options, and more effectively share water.
- Relieve pressure on rivers, streams, and tributaries while meeting the water needs for coastal communities and industries.
- Create redundancies in our system so we are more resilient to drought, storms, and other natural vulnerabilities.
- Create a learning and action network for small water providers who are often most vulnerable to environmental and regulatory challenges.

Join the conversation - help us create our water future

Meetings: The last Wednesday of every other month starting in September 2016

Mailing List: <http://bit.ly/mwpplist>

Website: www.midcoastwaterpartners.com



More information about the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

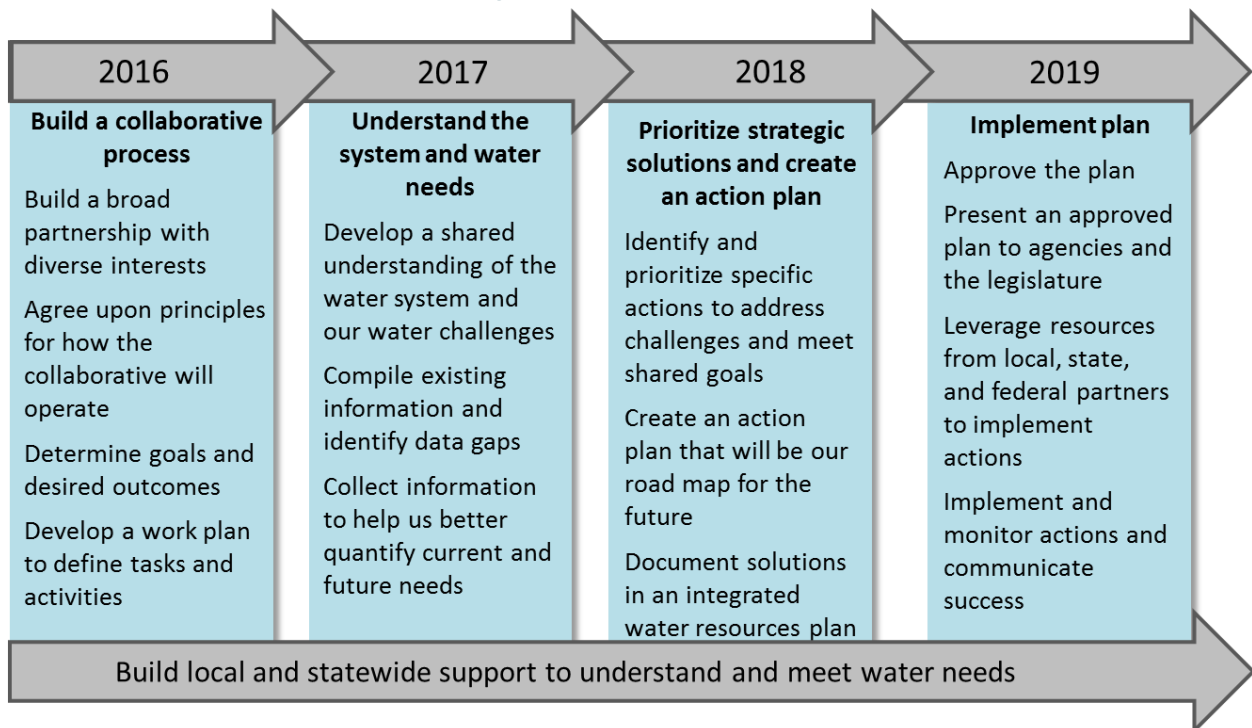
A new approach

The Mid-Coast Region is one of four areas that is piloting a new approach to water planning with the Oregon Water Resources Department. This approach, which was recommended in Oregon's 2012 [Integrated Water Resources Strategy](#), encourages integrated planning at larger scales and gives communities a greater voice in determining their water future. During the pilot phase, local groups will partner with state agencies to test a set of [draft planning guidelines](#), identify best practices, and develop a plan for action. In addition to providing a road map for the Mid-Coast, our local plan will inform future updates to Oregon's statewide strategy. This is our opportunity to chart a new path forward for our community and the state.

The benefits of partnership

- Develop a common understanding of our water issues through discussion, sharing of knowledge, and examination of best practices.
- Coordinate current and future information gathering and data collection efforts.
- Develop a shared vision for our water future.
- Build cooperative relationships and foster networking among diverse water interests.
- Create a forum to explore innovative, out-of-the box solutions to collective problems.
- Coordinate and leverage local and statewide resources to achieve the best results for our region.

Planning Timeline and Actions



– Contact the Conveners –

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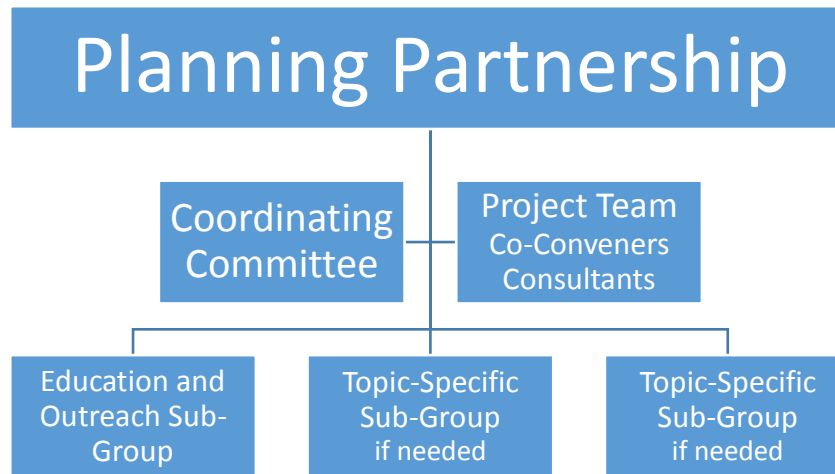
Current Partners

- ☐ City of Newport - Co-Convener
- ☐ OR Water Resources Dept - Co-Convener
- ☐ City of Toledo
- ☐ City of Waldport
- ☐ City of Yachats
- ☐ Coastal Residents
- ☐ Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
- ☐ Georgia Pacific
- ☐ Gibson Farms
- ☐ Lincoln County
- ☐ Lincoln County Farm Bureau
- ☐ Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District
- ☐ Mid-Coast Watersheds Council
- ☐ Newport Surfrider
- ☐ NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service
- ☐ Oregon Cattlemen's Association
- ☐ OR Dept of Agriculture
- ☐ OR Dept of Environmental Quality
- ☐ OR Dept of Fish and Wildlife
- ☐ OR Dept of Land Conservation and Development
- ☐ OR Health Authority
- ☐ OR Water Resources Dept
- ☐ OR Watershed Enhancement Board
- ☐ Oregon SeaGrant
- ☐ OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center
- ☐ Private Landowners
- ☐ Regional Solutions
- ☐ Representative David Gomberg
- ☐ Seal Rock Water District
- ☐ Senator Arnie Roblan
- ☐ Starker Forests
- ☐ US Bureau of Land Management
- ☐ US Forest Service

Coordinating Committee Members

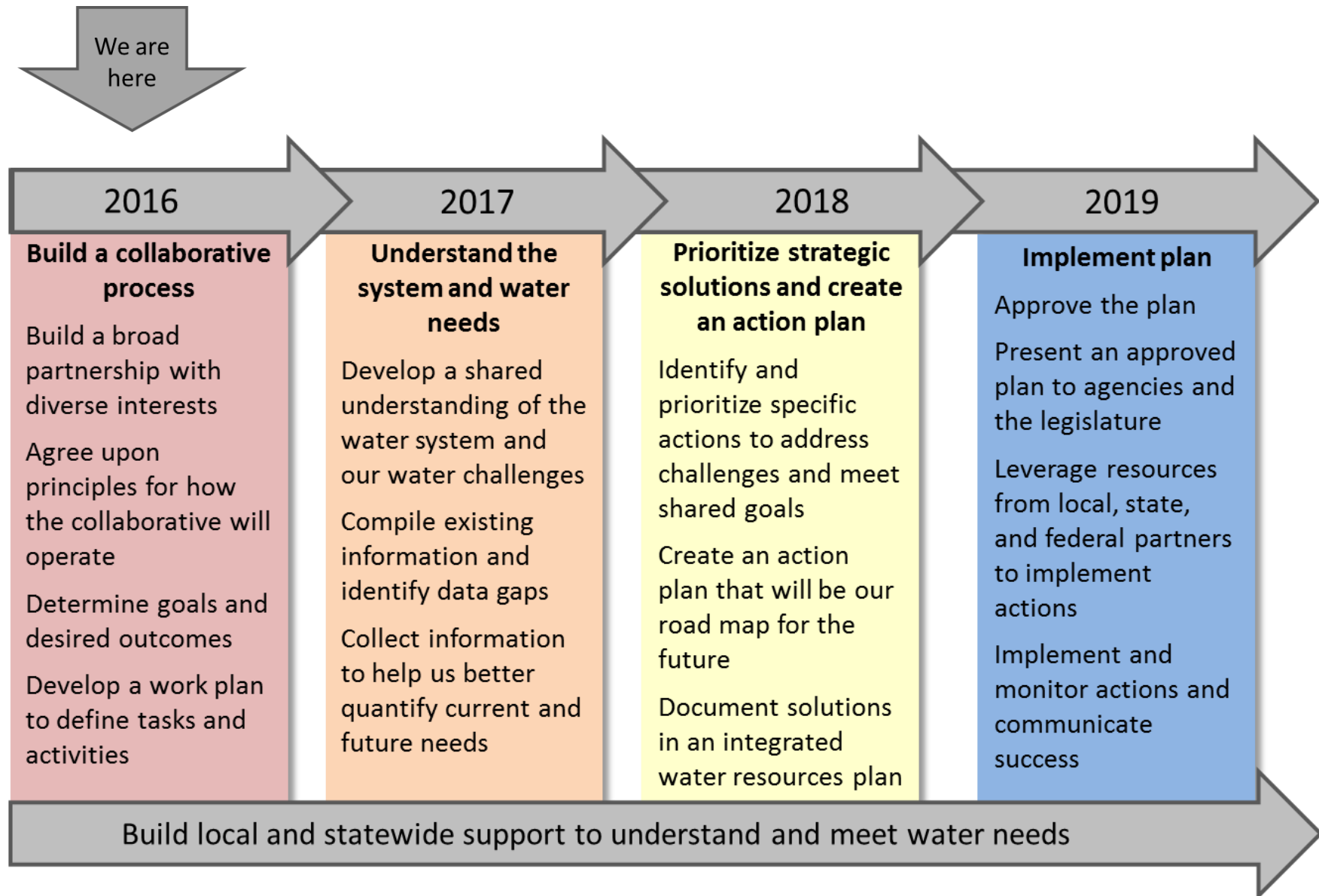
- ☐ **Co-Convener**, City of Newport, Tim Gross
- ☐ **Co-Convener**, Oregon Water Resources Department, Harmony Burright
- ☐ **Tribes**, Confederate Tribes of the Siletz, Stan van de Wetering
- ☐ **Water Provider (City)**, City of Yachats, Rick McClung
- ☐ **Water Provider (Water District)**, Seal Rock Water District, Adam Denlinger
- ☐ **Irrigator/Landowner**, Gibson Farms, Alan Fujishin
- ☐ **Self-Supplied Industrial Water User**, Georgia Pacific, CJ Drake
- ☐ **Federal Agency**, US Forest Service, Christine Wilkins
- ☐ **Governor's Office**, Regional Solutions, Jackie Mikalonis
- ☐ **State Agency**, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Jitesh Pattni
- ☐ **Local Government**, Lincoln County, Terry Thompson
- ☐ **Watershed Council**, Mid-Coast Watershed Council, Wayne Hoffman
- ☐ **Conservation/Recreation Group**, Newport Surfrider, Charlie Plybon
- ☐ **Citizen/Landowner**, Resident in the Yachats Watershed, Jim Adler

STRUCTURE AND ROLES



- ☐ **Planning Partnership:** Broad group of stakeholders –
 - ☐ Identify study-related interests.
 - ☐ Identify current and future water challenges.
 - ☐ Consider quality, quantity and ecosystem needs.
 - ☐ Identify ways to increase resilience.
 - ☐ Plan together to meet future needs.
 - ☐ Provide direction to the Coordinating Committee.
- ☐ **Coordinating Committee:** Subset of Planning Partnership – Approximately 12-14 people. Diverse group representing a range of interests. Convenes between meetings of Partnership Group to:
 - ☐ Provide advice on how to structure stakeholder engagement and communication to ensure that diverse interests are included in the process.
 - ☐ Identify potential issues, gather information, and frame issues for discussion by the Partnership Group.
 - ☐ Communicate with stakeholders about the planning process and issues of interest.
 - ☐ Advocate for a planning process that balances interests.
 - ☐ Provide process support and conduct work to support the Partnership Group.
- ☐ **Project Team (PT):** The PT plans meetings, prepares materials and meeting minutes for the process. Includes Co-conveners OWRD and City of Newport, as well as technical consultants, GSI Water Solutions and Facilitators, Innovative Growth Solutions.
- ☐ **Sub-groups:** Topic-specific sub-groups may be designated as needed to work on specific aspects of the plan and/or assist in communication regarding the Study.

MID-COAST WATER PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – PLANNING PROCESS OVERVIEW



MID-COAST WATER PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – TASKS AND ACTIVITIES

TASK	DESCRIPTION	ACTIVITIES AND <u>DELIVERABLES</u>	TARGET DATE
Planning Step 1 – Build a Collaborative and Inclusive Process			
1.1	Identify and engage diverse stakeholders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a database of potentially interested stakeholders - Conduct outreach and coordinate overall stakeholder involvement 	Ongoing
1.2	Build and sustain a collaborative process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate and facilitate meetings and prepare meeting materials - Establish the structure of the Partnership, including roles and responsibilities - Develop a Charter that outlines how the Partnership will work together and make decisions 	Ongoing
1.4	Develop and execute a communication and outreach strategy to ensure public involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a Communication Strategy to ensure transparency and encourage public involvement - Develop outreach materials consistent with the strategy (e.g., website, mailing list, etc) 	April 2017
1.3	Gather and analyze information to create a work plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inventory existing information (e.g., data, plans, reports, etc) and conduct an initial gap analysis - Develop a Work Plan that will guide work, including activities, schedule and a budget 	May 2017
1.5	Develop a strategy to sustain the collaborative planning process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a strategy (i.e. Pursuit Plan) to ensure there are resources to sustain planning - Coordinate partners to identify and pursue resources and track partner contributions 	April 2017
Planning Step 2 – Characterize Water Resources			
2.1	Understand the context of water resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compile and analyze information to characterize the history of the region as it relates to water, including the social, political, economic, and environmental context 	August 2017
2.2	Characterize natural water systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compile and analyze information on water resources to understand the natural system, including water quantity, quality, and ecology 	August 2017
2.3	Characterize built water systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compile and analyze information on how people and the economy use and affect water, including infrastructure to deliver and treat water, energy, land use, etc. 	October 2017
2.4	Identify knowledge gaps and develop strategy to fill gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine what information is needed to support decisions and how to gather the information 	November 2017
2.5	Develop a Water Conditions Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summarize findings and recommendations in a Water Conditions Report 	November 2017
Planning Step 3 – Quantify Current and Future Water Needs (Instream and Out-of-Stream)			
3.1	Inventory all current and future water users/uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make a list of all current water users and uses and understand potential future uses 	August 2017
3.2	Quantify current water needs by use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with each sector (instream, municipal, small water provider, self-supplied domestic, industrial, recreation, irrigation/agriculture, timber) to understand current water needs, including quantity, quality, ecological, and infrastructure 	October 2017
3.3	Quantify future water needs by use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work with each sector to project future water needs based on best available information 	December 2017
3.4	Assess vulnerabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analyze how water resources and the water system will respond to vulnerabilities such as drought, storms/flooding, earthquakes, tsunamis, climate change, etc. 	February 2018
3.5	Identify knowledge gaps and develop strategy to fill gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine what information is needed to support decisions and how to gather the information 	March 2018
3.6	Develop a Water Needs Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summarize findings and recommendations in a Water Needs Report 	March 2018
Planning Step 4 – Identify Actions and Create a Strategy to Meet Water Needs			
4.1	Develop objectives and criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agree upon objectives and criteria that will be used to assess proposed actions 	February 2018
4.2	Identify and evaluate potential strategies/actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify and evaluate actions to address water imbalances 	July 2018
4.3	Assess feasibility and prioritize actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conduct a high-level feasibility analysis of strategies/actions and prioritize/package actions 	October 2018
4.4	Identify knowledge gaps and develop strategy to fill gaps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Determine what information is needed to support decisions and how to gather the information 	November 2018
4.5	Develop a Water Strategy Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Summarize findings and recommendations in a Water Strategy Report 	November 2018
Planning Step 5 – Adopt and Implement an Integrated Water Resources Plan			
5.1	Develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compile all reports in a single Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP) 	December 2018
5.2	Approve the Integrated Water Resources Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordinate approval of the plan by the partnership and present it to local, state, and federal decision-makers to solicit support 	February 2019
5.3	Implement the plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop an Action Plan to secure resources and coordinate implementation of the IWRP 	May 2019

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership
Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning
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November 30, 2016

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