

# MID-COAST WATER PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

September 29, 2016

# Overview

- Welcome
- Meeting Objectives and Guidelines
- Overview of the Planning Process
- Water Challenges and Opportunities
- Working Together – Outline of the Process
- Next Steps

Note: Hwy 20 will close at 7 pm!

# Welcome

- We are here to . . .
  - ▣ Work together in partnership to decide how to best manage our collective water resources.
- Opportunity to:
  - ▣ Define our water resources destiny.
  - ▣ Partner together to address future needs.

OWRD grant provides funding for first 2 steps in process.

# Objectives of the kick-off



- Share goals and expected outcomes of the planning process.
- Identify water challenges on the mid-Coast.
- Explore partner interests and needs.
- Outline the planning process and schedule.

# Meeting guidelines

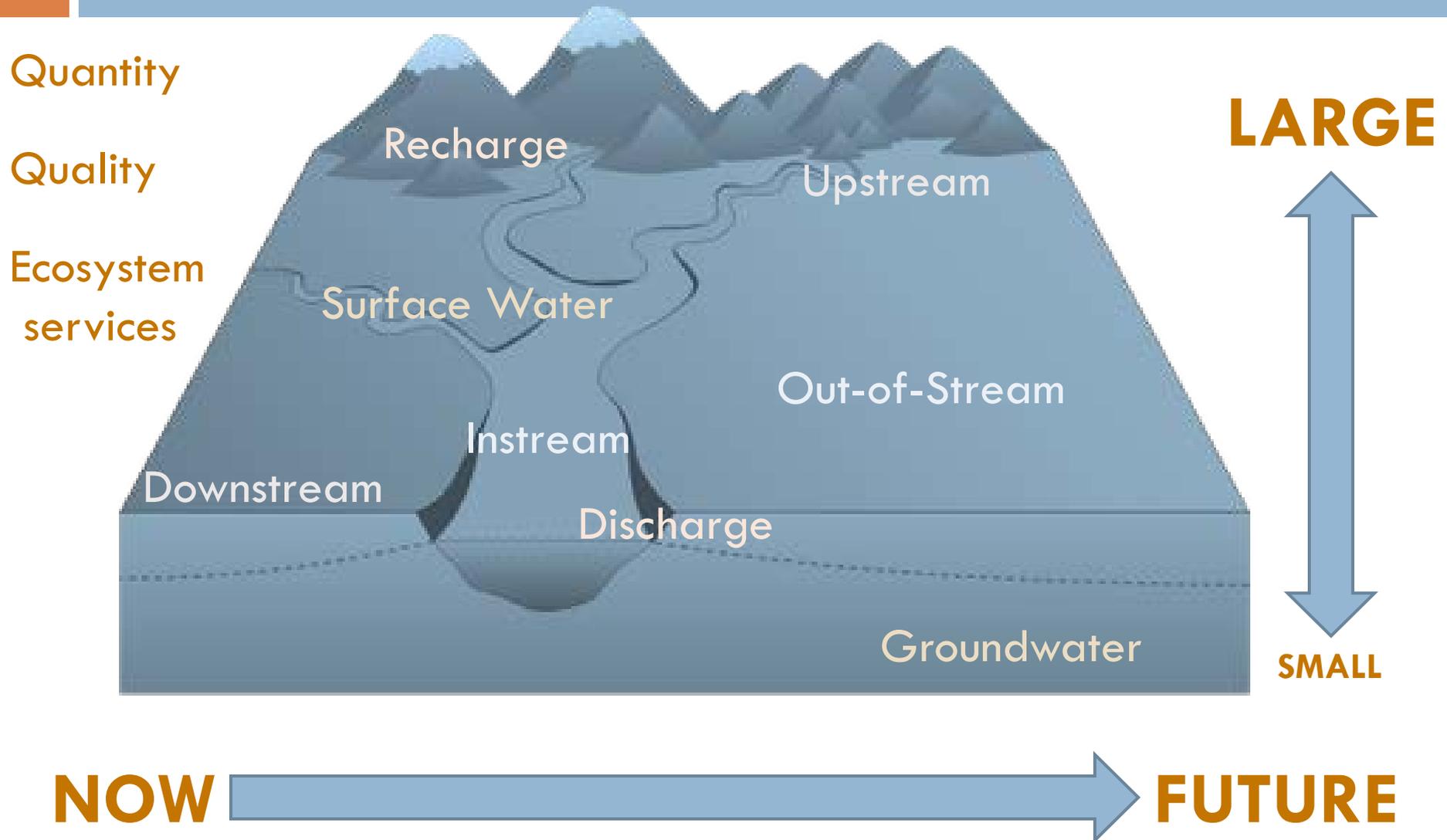
- Future focused
- Spirit of togetherness
- All viewpoints matter
- Strive to understand
- Practice patience
- Seek win-win
- Identify yourself
- Help us stay on track
- Be present



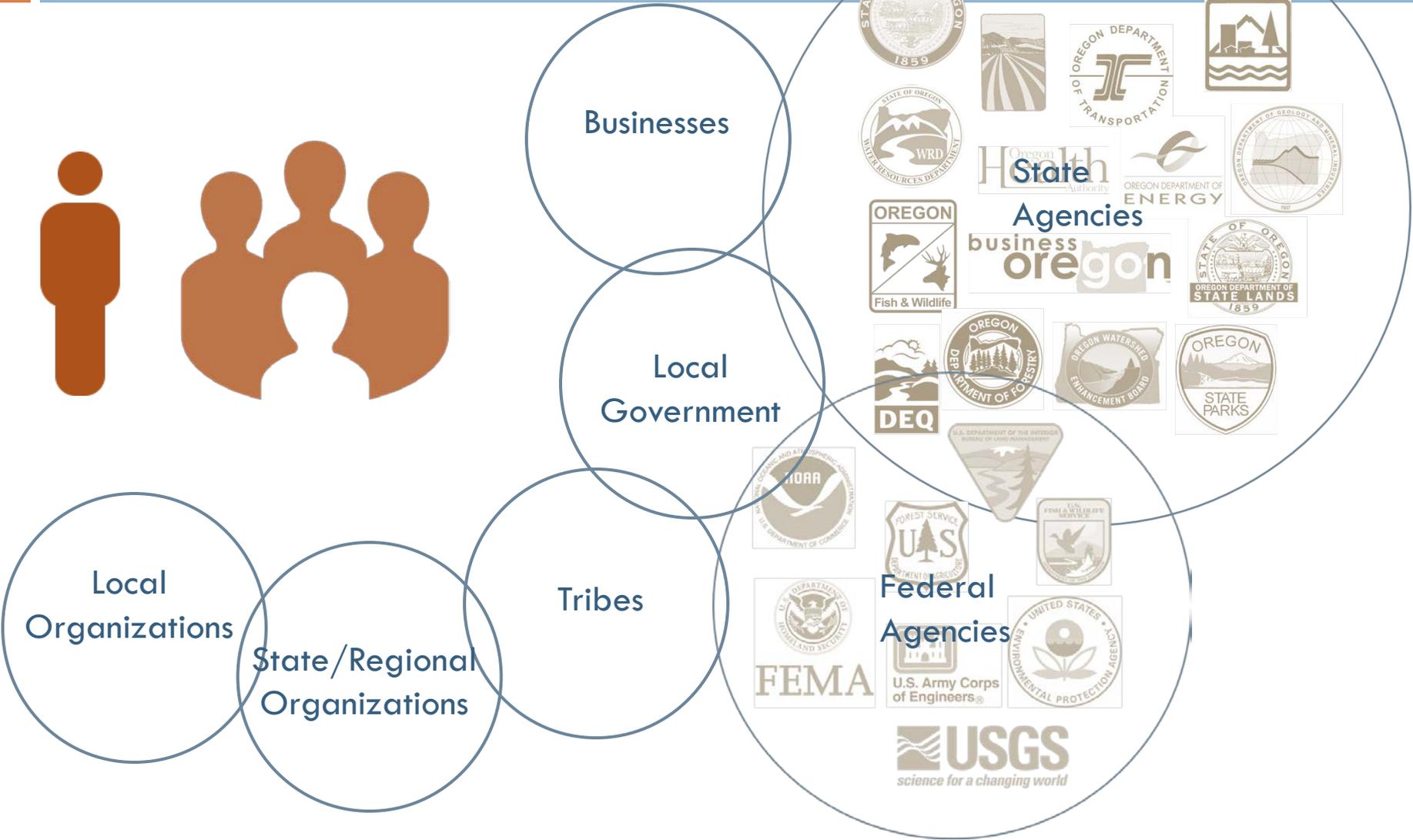
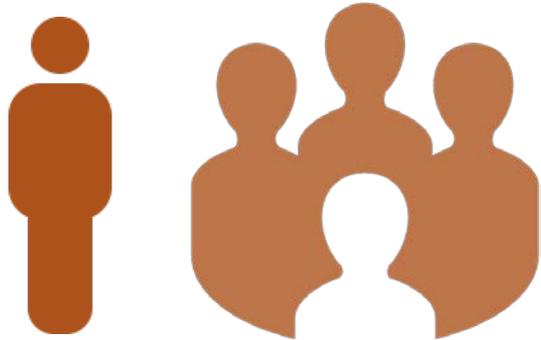
# Water...how it affects us



# Water...how it connects us



# Managing complexity



Businesses

Local Government

Local Organizations

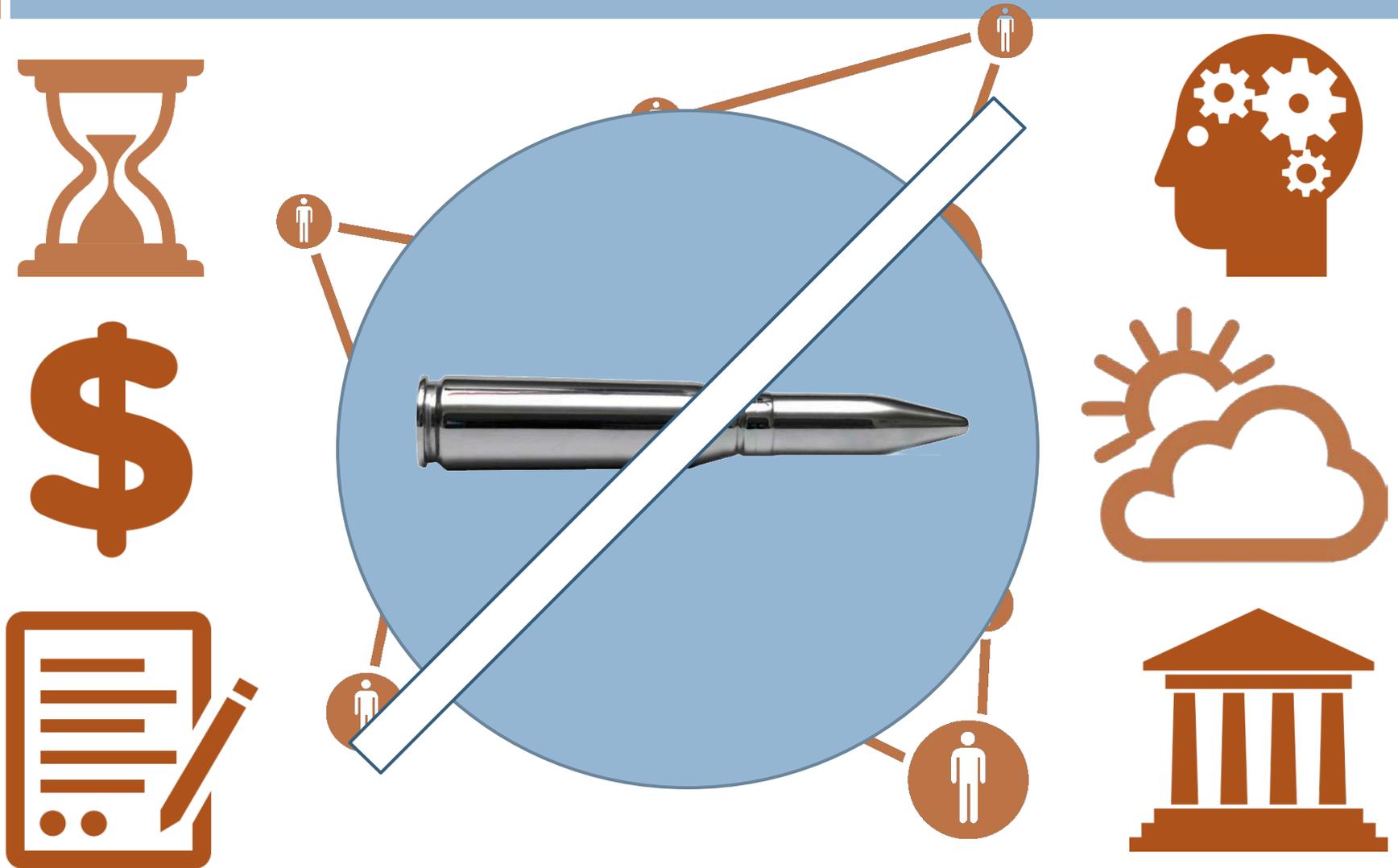
State/Regional Organizations

Tribes

Federal Agencies

USGS  
science for a changing world

# Where does this leave us?



# OWRD's mission

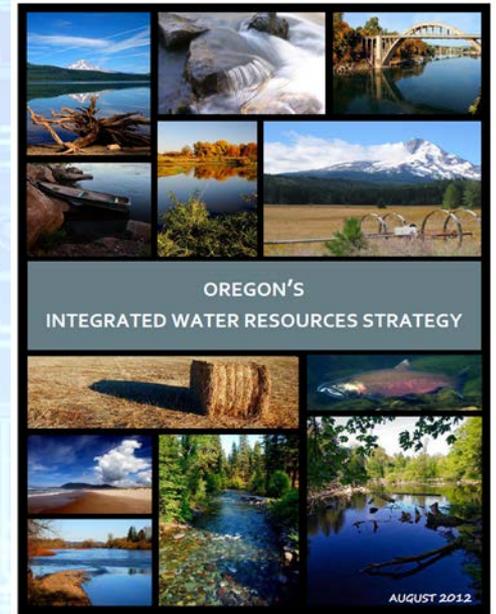
- OWRD's mission is to serve the public by practicing and promoting responsible water management through two key goals:
  - ▣ to directly address Oregon's water supply needs, and
  - ▣ to restore and protect streamflows and watersheds in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's ecosystems, economy, and quality of life



# Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS)

- Blueprint to understand and meet Oregon's instream and out-of-stream needs
- Contains over 40 recommended actions
- Highlights good work already happening
- Emphasizes a collaborative, partnership approach
- Helps to focus agency and partner actions
- Path forward for place-based planning

= Investments in science, capacity, and communities



# Place-based (integrated water resources) planning



## Draft Guidelines

A Tool for Conducting Place-Based  
Integrated Water Resources Planning in Oregon

February 2015

- State funding
- Staff resources
- Draft guidelines

# Core principles

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- Balanced representation of interests
- Balance current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs
- Open and transparent process that fosters public participation
- Local solutions
- Consistent with state law and policy
- Developed in consultation with OWRD

# FIVE planning steps

1. Build a collaborative and integrated process
  2. Characterize water resources
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3. Quantify current and future needs
  4. Identify integrated solutions to meet needs
  5. Develop an integrated water resources plan

**\*\*Identify and leverage  
resources to implement plan**

# Place-based planning is **not, cannot, does not...**

- ❑ OWRD's planning process
- ❑ Jeopardize existing water rights
- ❑ Obligate or encumber any individual or organization
- ❑ Change existing policy or rules
- ❑ Prevent or alter the regular activities of partners
- ❑ Allow finger pointing or casting blame
- ❑ A forum to pursue individual, single-purpose interests

# Place-based planning is, can, does...

- A voluntary, locally led effort to:
  - Develop a shared vision for water future
  - Integrate complementary efforts
  - Coordinate data collection/information gathering
  - Identify broadly supported projects and actions
  - Identify policy barriers and opportunities
- Conducted in partnership with state agencies
- Inform updates to the statewide strategy

# Pilot phase

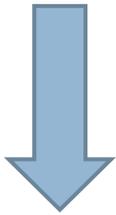
## Place-Based Planning Pilot Areas



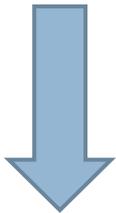
# Water Challenges and Opportunities

## A Newport Perspective

□ Infrastructure



□ Resources



□ Communication

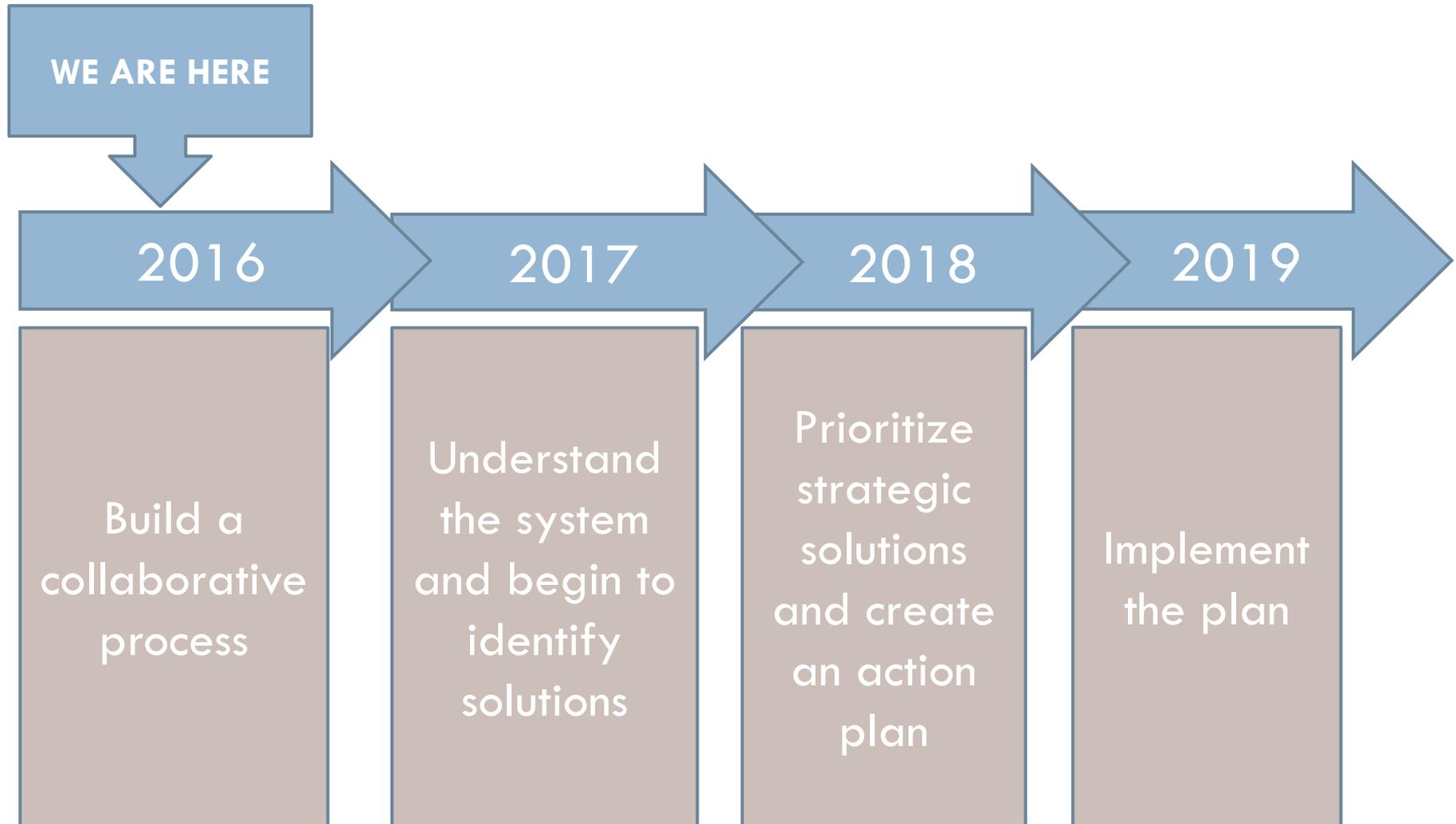
# Discussion

- Select a 'table host' to guide the discussion and record key points
- Discuss the 2 questions – next slide
- Table hosts report out – 2 minutes / table
- Table hosts put notes in manila envelope at each table

# Discussion Questions

- From YOUR perspective – what are the KEY WATER ISSUES on the MID-Coast that we need to focus on?
- What do you hope the OUTCOMES will be as a result of this collaborative partnership?
- 20 minutes to discuss, then report 2 min per table

# Planning process and schedule



# Working together

- **Collaborative process** – sharing knowledge, information and expertise to create an action plan for the future
- Inclusive and transparent process
- Balanced representation of water interests
- Working together to develop strategies we can all support, using consensus-based discussion
- Decisions will be informed by best available science

*‘Come let us reason together’*

# Outcomes

- Build relationships and develop a partnership
- Share knowledge and information
- Understand and characterize our water resources
- Identify future water supply needs
- Strategize how to make the most of limited resources
- Work together to develop and prioritize our options
- Develop a long-term action plan to address water challenges

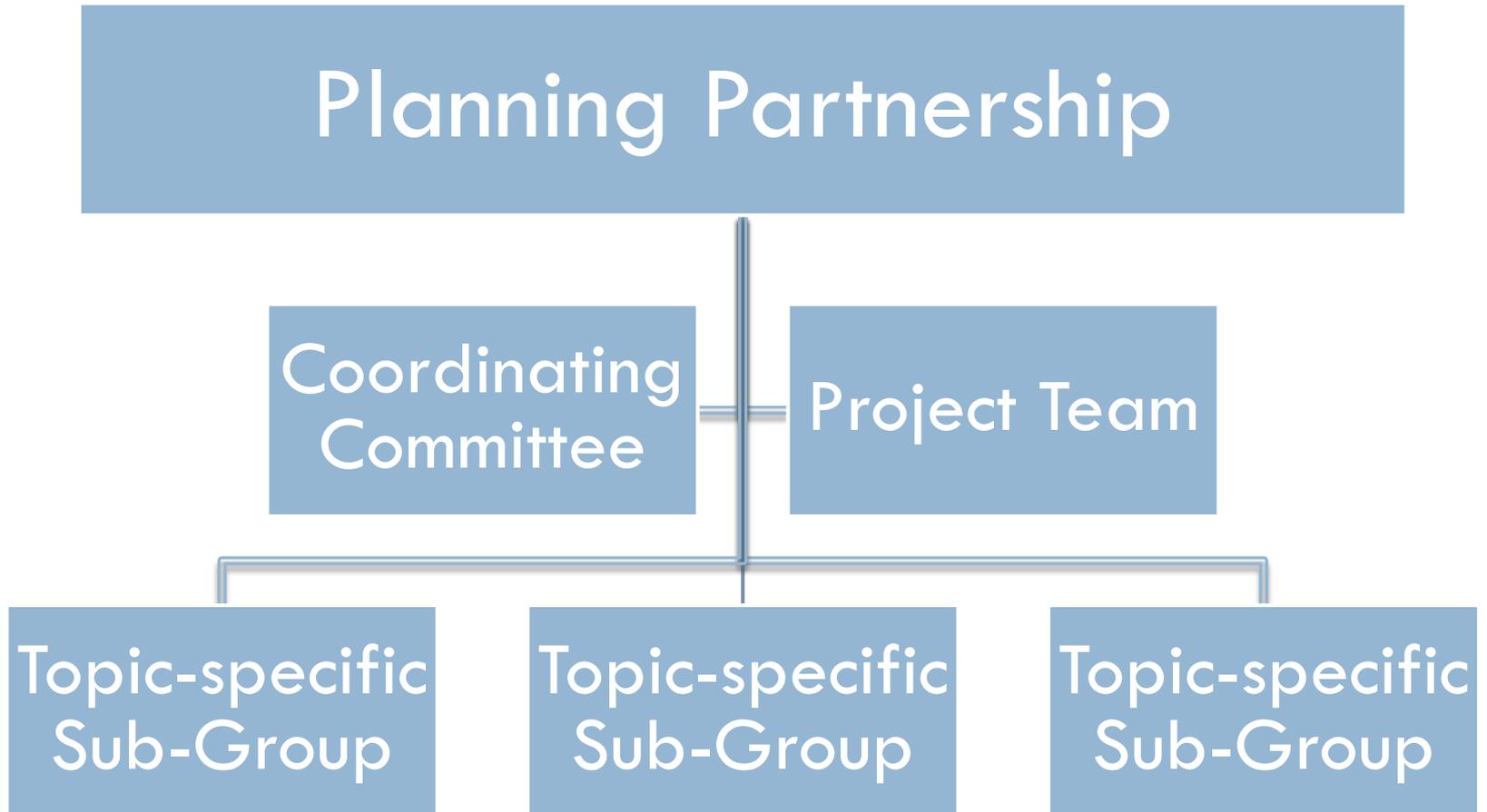
# What do conveners bring to the table?

- Participation in planning partnership and coordinating committee
- Funding
- Access to existing data/information
- Technical assistance
- Connections to other complementary efforts
- Education and outreach

What will you  
bring to the table?



# Partnership structure



# Questions?



# Next steps

- Convene the Coordinating Committee in October and November
  - ▣ Coordinating Committee will begin to develop a draft charter
- Convene the Planning Partnership
  - ▣ Next Planning Partnership tentatively scheduled – November 29, 2016 from 4-7pm
- Planning Step 1 Outputs:
  - ▣ Charter, work plan, outreach strategy

# Thanks . . . and keep in touch!

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