

# Oregon's 2025 Integrated Water Resources Strategy

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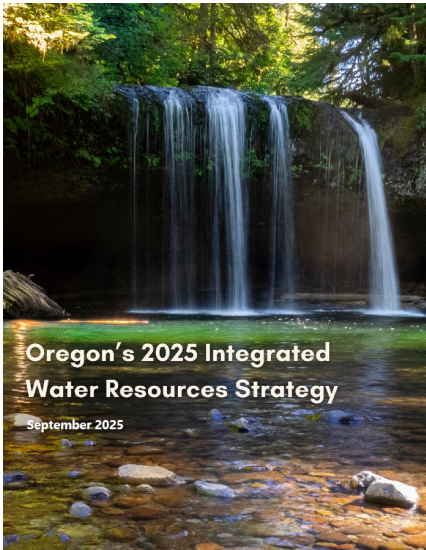
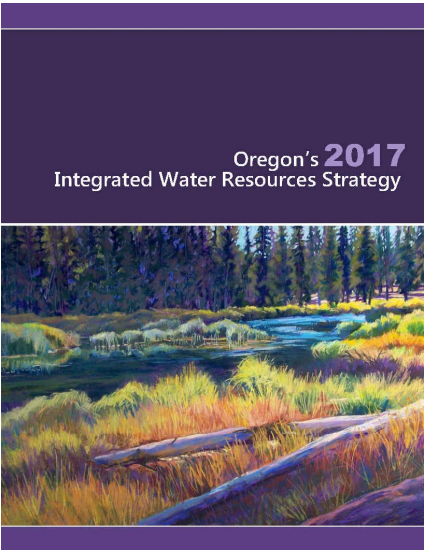
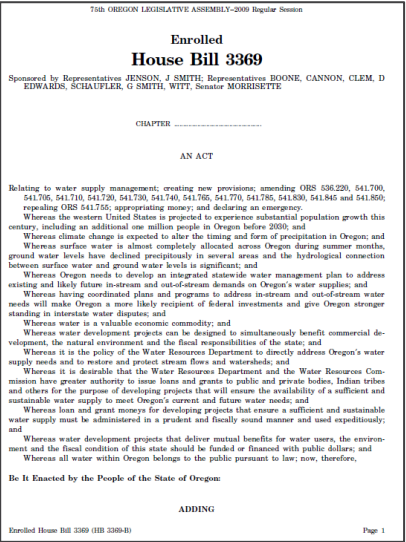
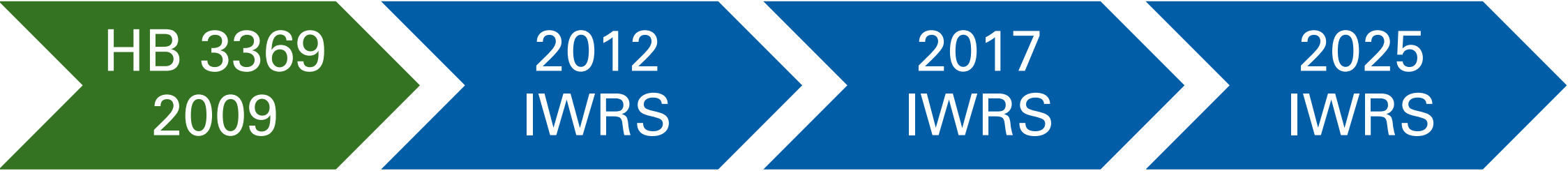


# Agenda

- IWRS History
- Review Update Process
- Summarize Changes
- Next Steps



# History of the IWRS...



**2023**

Progress  
Report

Engagement

Begin Draft

**2024**

Multiagency  
Priorities

New  
Leadership

Draft 1 Public  
Review

**2025**

Draft 2 Public  
Review

Final 2025  
IWRS

Adoption

# Changes from 2017



- **Two public review drafts**
- **Modify some action numbers, titles**
- **New Introduction**
- **Legislative Outcomes**
- **Appendices**
  - Action Summary Sheets
  - State Agency Priorities

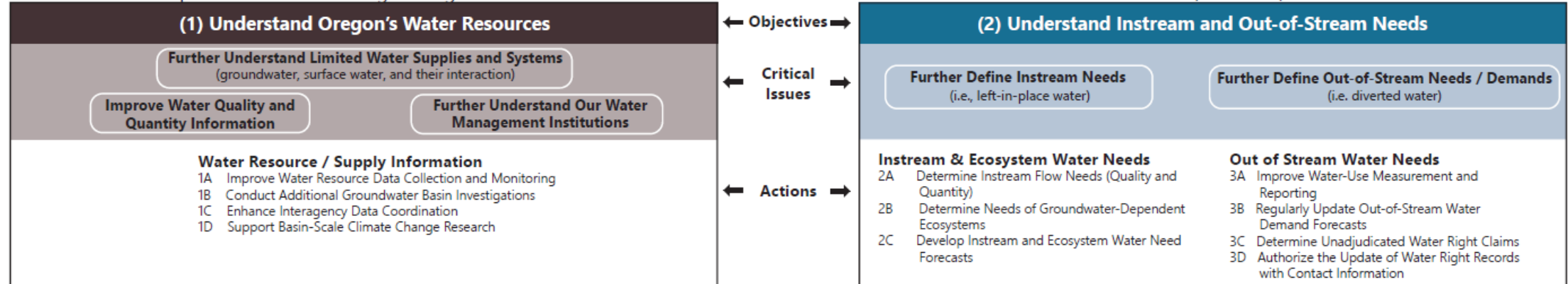
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A framework for improving our understanding of Oregon's water resources and meeting our instream and out-of-stream needs, including water quantity, water quality, and ecosystem needs



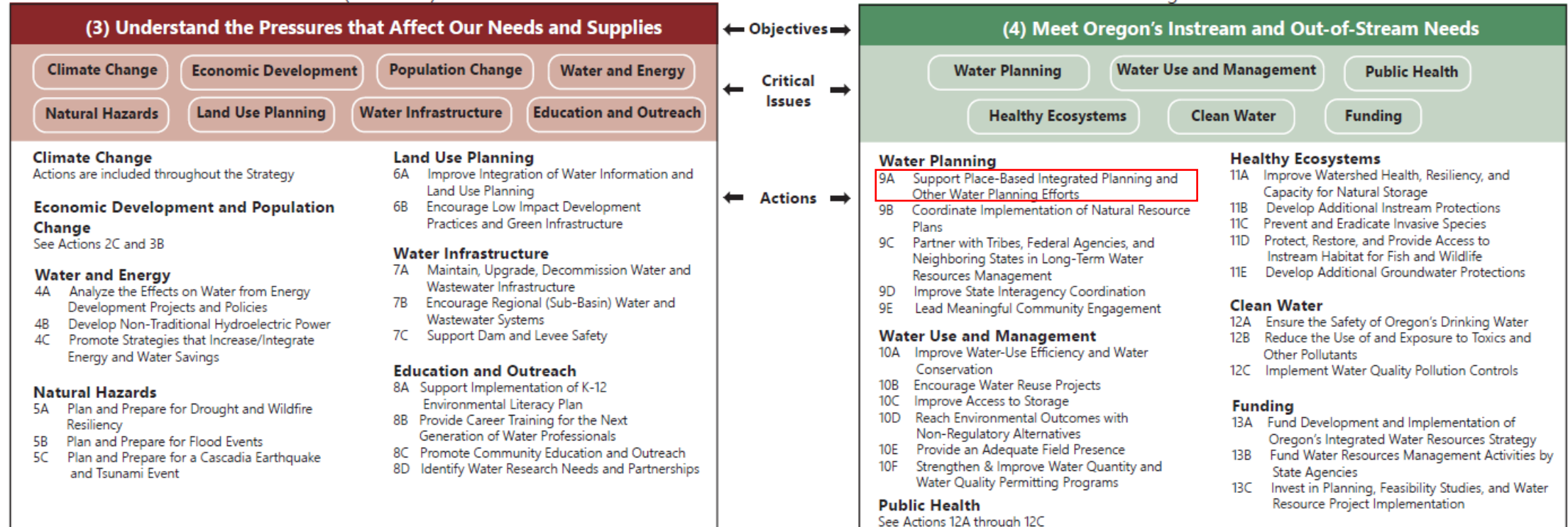
## Goal 1: Improve Our Understanding of Oregon's Water Resources

## Goal 1 (continued)



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## Goal 2: Meet Oregon's Water Resource Needs



# Appendix D

## Action Summary Sheets

**Lead Agencies**

OWRD

**Supporting Agencies**

DLCD, DOGAMI, ODA, ODEQ, ODFW, OHA,  
OWEB, USGS

**Possible Partners**

Tribes, local governments, SWCDs,  
WCs, CBOs, NGOs, individuals

**Purpose**

Place-based integrated planning provides an opportunity to forge partnerships between individuals and organizations representing instream interests (such as fish and wildlife needs and recreation), out-of-stream interests (such as agriculture, municipalities, domestic, and industry), and representatives from local, state, federal, and tribal governments. Place-Based integrated planning groups work to develop an integrated plan, have it recognized by the Water Resources Commission, and secure funding and implement the plans. In 2023 the Oregon Legislature made the Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning Program permanent and allocated \$2 million to assist communities with engagement and plan development.

Other types of water planning happening in Oregon include administrative basin planning, bi-state planning (e.g., Walla Walla Water 2050 Plan), and water management and conservation planning by irrigation districts and public water suppliers.

**Example Actions**

- Promote success by continuing to support the places currently following the draft planning guidelines and as they develop integrated implementation plans
- Continue to provide financial and technical assistance to support collaborative water planning
- Develop or recapitalize funding pathways for plan implementation to achieve instream and out-of-stream objectives
- Promote peer-to-peer learning between communities pursuing collaborative water planning
- Refine planning guidelines, and implement process improvements
- Include public outreach and engagement activities to encourage participation by under-represented populations
- Consider OWEB Focused Investment Partnership model to support plan implementation
- Offer place-based planning training for interested people and community groups
- Support a range of local or regional planning efforts (e.g., OWRD administrative basin plan and rule updates, water management and conservation plans)

**Resources**

*Agency Programs*

OWRD's Planning, Collaboration, and Investment Section, OWRD's Place-Based Planning Fund

*Workgroups*

Harney Community-Based Water Planning Collaborative

Lower John Day Basin Work Group

Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership

Upper Grande Ronde River Watershed Partnership

Deschutes Basin Water Collaborative

Walla Walla 2050

Partnership for Lake Abert and the Chewaucan

*Documents*

2015 Draft Planning Guidelines

2022 Report of the Work Group on State-Supported Regional Water Planning & Management

2022 Oregon's Place-Based Integrated Water Resources Planning Program: A Participatory Evaluation

# Introduction and Appendix E Agency Priorities 2025-2033



Act with  
Urgency

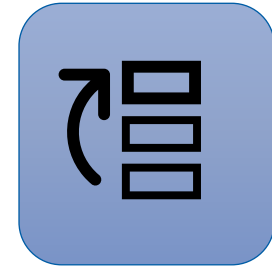


Assist



Adapt

# Agency Priorities 2025-33



- Direction to include “measurable outcomes”
- Multi-agency leadership
- Informs newly required biennial workplan



## Priority Area 1: Act with Urgency to Protect Instream and Out-of-Stream Uses

**P1.1** Reduce unauthorized water use and **gain compliance** with other water laws

**P1.2** Provide guidance for what constitutes reasonable use of water

**P1.3** Increase the use of existing programs and tools and develop new programs and tools that **protect priority waters and/or watersheds** that support instream needs and promote resiliency

**P1.4** Expand efforts to **protect** the quality of surface and groundwater **sources that provide drinking water** to Oregonians

**P1.5** Implement **improvements to water permitting processes** to improve transparency, efficiency, and effectiveness of decisions

## Priority Area 2: Assist the State and Communities to Prepare for Water Scarcity

**P2.1** Increase quality and **accessibility of water availability, water use, and water demand information**

**P2.2 Modernize water data systems** and website user interfaces to facilitate wider data sharing amongst agencies and the public and enhanced customer service

**P2.3** Improve understanding of instream and out-of-stream needs through increased numbers of completed **basin assessments, instream flow studies, and clean water plans**

**P2.4** Increase the number of communities and Tribes that have completed or are participating in **water planning efforts** to meet instream and out-of-stream water needs, protect drinking water sources, improve water quality and promote drought resiliency

**P2.5** Increase the involvement of OWRD in advisory committees for Economic Opportunity Analyses (EOAs) and implement other actions to better align **land use planning and actions with water resource goals**

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## Priority Area 3: Adapt to Water Scarcity by Stretching Our Water Supplies

**P3.1** Increase the pace and scale of completion of **water reuse and aquifer storage, recovery and recharge projects** that support resilience and protect the environment

**P3.2** Increase the number of water users that are planning for or implementing **water conservation, efficiency, or modernization** efforts that support resilience or improve instream flows

**P3.3** Align existing and future agency funding and incentives programs to further **instream flow restoration, groundwater recharge, source water protection, and water quality and habitat improvement** efforts in priority basins/watersheds

**P3.4** Identify priority areas and/or guidance for new **above and below ground storage** that would support resilience and protect public health and the environment

**P3.5 Improve water right transfer processing times** for lower risk transfers to facilitate the movement of water to high-priority use

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# 2025-27 Workplan Development

- Multi-agency
- Reflect 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget
- October/November Draft
- Public Comment TBD



# 2027-29 Workplan Development

**2026**



**2027**



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# Thank you!

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