# Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership Water Action Plan

## Background

The Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership (MCWPP) is a voluntary association that, since 2016, has been actively seeking to include diverse perspectives, interests, and expertise to develop integrated water resource strategies to address complex water issues and meet the diverse water needs of the Mid-Coast. Organizations or individuals may join the Partnership at any time by agreeing to the terms of the Partnership’s Charter. In 2021, the Partnership charter signatories created a Water Action Plan, which includes a suite of prioritized actions to implement through the next decade. The plan is intended to be a living document that will be updated to adapt to emerging issues.

### Objective

The objective of this declaration is to acknowledge that each entity involved in the development of the Mid-Coast Water Action Plan is committed to its implementation, and that, as new entities express an interest in the plan’s outcomes, new signatories may join the Partnership and this Declaration of Cooperation. The charter signatories to this Declaration of Cooperation recognize that the actions within the Mid-Coast Water Action Plan will address aging infrastructure, improve water conservation efforts, enhance regional water supply options, more effectively share water among uses and users; relieve late season pressure on rivers, streams, and tributaries while meeting water needs for industries and coastal communities; create redundancies to enhance resilience during drought, storms, and other natural vulnerabilities; create a learning and action network for small water providers vulnerable to environmental and regulatory challenges, and result in an informed and educated public that conserves and values investments in actions that protect and enhance water resources. The commitments expressed below represent a public statement of intent to participate in the implementation of the Mid-Coast Water Action Plan, to strive to identify opportunities and solutions whenever possible, to contribute assistance support within resource limits, and to collaborate with other regional stakeholders in promoting the outcomes articulated in the Water Action Plan.

## Our Commitment

The charter signatories to the Mid-Coast Water Planning Partnership express our increasing commitment to ensuring the health and well-being of people working and living in the Mid-Coast region by working collaboratively to implement the actions in the Mid-Coast Water Action Plan and participating in an inclusive community forum that examines water use in the region, identifies current and potential water challenges and implements a unified plan to balance water needs.

We view this declaration as an expression of our desire to:

* Cooperate and collaborate, based on our common interests, to ensure the long-term sustainability of water quality and quantity in the Mid-Coast region of Oregon;
* Function within an adaptive management framework, documenting progress, sharing lessons learned, and strategizing ways to continuously assess and improve; and
* Ensure balanced water resources for the environment, the economy, and coastal communities.
* This declaration of cooperation does not provide the MCWPP with authority to effect or limit the use of individual system water rights or impact participants’ autonomy.

The signatories to this Declaration of Cooperation commit to collaborative approaches toward implementing the Mid-Coast Water Action Plan. The outcomes of these efforts will ensure:

* the public is aware and supportive of water issues in the region; and
* the resilience of water infrastructure, including sound facilities and a skilled pool of technicians to help manage water conservation and delivery; and
* there is improved coordination and effectiveness of water quality and quantity monitoring programs throughout the region; and
* people living in, working in, and visiting the Mid-Coast of Oregon appreciate the need for, and practice, water conservation, efficiency and reuse; and
* source water quantity and quality are both protected and enhanced, for native fish and wildlife species as well as people; and
* ecosystems and infrastructure, both natural and built, are protected and enhanced to ensure the sustainable delivery of a broad suite of ecosystem services.

# Sign-On Page to Adopt the Plan

Describe your priorities/level of participation/contributions.

Would you join or lead a water action team?

Commit to making/tracking progress on a specific action or set of specific actions?

Commit to providing some funding for the Partnership or to advance a specific action?

If you are a part of an organization, what does their adoption process look like.

***\*Declarations will be re-signed every 2-years.***