Outline of Today’s Agenda Item

• Overview of the 2012 Integrated Water Resources Strategy

• What items are new in the 2017 public review draft

• Opportunity for public input

• What to expect this Summer and Fall
The Charge to Develop the Strategy

Oregon’s House Bill 3369 (2009)

- Directed WRD to lead efforts to “understand and meet” Oregon’s water needs
- Partnered with water quality, fish & wildlife, agriculture, other agencies, tribes, stakeholders, & public
- Account for coming pressures

instream and out-of-stream ...quality, quantity & ecosystem needs ...today and in the future
Background on the 2017 Update

- IWRS must be updated every five years
- Other boards and commissions must be notified
- This update was designed to focus on shoring up existing recommended actions or adding new ones
- Governor Brown directed the agency to address drought
- Department continues to work closely with key partner agencies
What has been retained?

• Goals and objectives remain the same:
  • Goal 1: Improve our understanding of Oregon’s water resources
  • Goal 2: Meet Oregon’s water resources needs

• Guiding principles unchanged

• Critical issues remain the same, with one new addition

• General structure and format of the document
What has informed updates or changes?

- New reports, data, or publications; examples:
  - 2015 Demand Forecast
  - 2016 Monitoring Strategy
  - 2017 Climate Assessment Report
  - Governor’s 2015 Executive Order on Drought
  - Others (see references throughout document)

- Progress made in recent years; examples:
  - Monitoring
  - Groundwater studies
  - Place-based planning
  - Funding programs (feasibility, grants and loans)
  - Instream efforts (e.g. scenic waterways)
What has informed updates or changes? (cont.)

Public and Agency Input:

- 2016 open houses & online survey
- Policy Advisory Group discussions and recommendations
- State Agency Advisory Group input
- Partnerships and discussions with neighboring states
- Staff knowledge and expertise
Organization of the Public Review Draft

• Note to Reader
• Introduction
• Chapter 1 – Understand Water Resources Today
• Chapter 2 – Understand Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs
• Chapter 3 – Understand the Coming Pressures that Affect our Needs & Supplies
• Chapter 4 – Meet Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs
• Conclusion
• 3 Appendices
Chapter 1 – Understand Water Resources Today

Critical Issues:

• Understand water supplies and systems (groundwater, surface water)
• Improve water quality and quantity information
• Further understand our water management institutions
Chapter 2 – Understand Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs

Critical Issue: Further define out-of-stream needs/demands

- Discussion of out-of-stream uses (e.g., irrigation, municipal)
- Water use measurement
- Adjudications
- Water right records
- Water-related permitting processes

Critical Issue: Further define instream needs/demands

- Discussion of instream uses (e.g., recreation, tourism, fish & wildlife)
- Importance of instream flows (base flows & elevated flows)
- Groundwater dependent ecosystems
Chapter 3 – Understand the Coming Pressures

Critical Issues:

• Water and Energy

• Climate Change

• Extreme Events *(new)* (i.e., droughts, floods, earthquakes)

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**Atmospheric River Events**

Source: NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory

**Peak Annual Snowpack**

* (Water Years 1981 - 2016)
Chapter 3 – Understand the Coming Pressures

Critical Issues (cont.):

- Water-Related Infrastructure (includes new section on dam safety)
- Education and Outreach
- Economic Development
- Population Growth
- Water and Land Use

Figure 3-11: Federal and State Regulated Dams (March 2016)
Chapter 4 – Meet Instream and Out-of-Stream Needs

Critical Issue: Place-Based Efforts
- Place-based planning
- Coordinate of existing plans
- Partner with federal agencies, tribes, and neighboring states

Critical Issue: Water Management & Development
- Water use efficiency and conservation
- Storage
- Reuse
- Non-traditional approaches
- Water resources development
- Field presence (new)
- Permitting – quantity & quality (new)
Critical Issue: Healthy Ecosystems

• Natural storage
• Instream protections
• Invasive species
• Habitat access (e.g., fish passage barriers)
• Groundwater protections (new)
Critical Issue: Public Health

- Drinking water (e.g., source water protection)
- Toxics reduction (e.g., pesticide stewardship partnerships)
- TMDL plans and development
Critical Issue: Funding

- Fund development and implementation of the IWRS
- Invest in natural resources agencies
- Invest in local or regional water planning efforts (new)
- Invest in feasibility studies
- Invest in water projects (e.g. watershed restoration, offering grants/loans) (new)
Where to Find Recommended Actions

Throughout the Chapters:

addition to preparedness and mitigation, this plan addresses emergency operations, as well as relief and recovery efforts. In early 2016, the Water Resources Department and the Office of Emergency Management updated Oregon’s incident annex on drought, which is largely a response plan for state agency coordination activities.

Most states either develop a mitigation or response plan for drought, or in some cases both (see Figure 3-7).

Drought Early Warning System – The National Integrated Drought Information System is a program authorized by Congress in 2006 to coordinate and integrate drought research and create a national drought early warning information system.

Regional early warning systems have been developed through partnerships with other federal, state, regional, local and private entities with the goal of helping stakeholders in the region cope with drought.

These early warning systems explore and demonstrate a variety of early warning and drought risk reduction strategies that incorporate drought monitoring and prediction information. The Pacific Northwest Drought Early Warning System includes the states of Idaho, Oregon, Washington and the western portion of Montana that feeds into the Columbia River Basin. Oregon representatives are participating in this group to learn about how other states in the Pacific Northwest are collecting drought-related information and using that to design drought plans, resiliency actions, and guide policy development.

Recommended Action 5.5A
Plan and Prepare for Drought Resiliency

How to implement this action:

- Develop the appropriate set of indicators that signal differing stages of drought
- Document the economic, social, and environmental impacts of drought in Oregon, including the frequency, distribution, intensity and duration
- Prepare for, respond to, and mitigate for the impacts of water scarcity
- Assess and assist those communities most vulnerable to drought
# Where to Find Recommended Actions

## Beginning of Each Chapter:

### Recommended Actions at a Glance

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Where to find Recommended Actions

Noted on the IWRS Framework:

Oregon’s Integrated Water Resources Strategy
2A. Regularly update long-term water demand forecasts
2D. Authorize the update of water right records with contact information
2E. Regularly update Oregon’s water-related permitting guide

4B. Take advantage of existing infrastructure to develop non-traditional hydroelectric power
6B. Improve state agency coordination
6C. Encourage low-impact development practices and green infrastructure
9A. Continue to undertake place-based integrated, water resources planning
10E. Continue the water resources development program

13B. Fund water resources management activities at state agencies
13D. Invest in feasibility studies for water resources projects
EXTREME EVENTS:
5.5A. Plan and prepare for drought resiliency
5.5B. Plan and prepare for flood events
5.5C. Plan and prepare for Cascadia subduction earthquake event

WATER-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE:
7C. Ensure public safety/dam safety

WATER MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT:
10F. Provide an adequate presence in the field
10G. Strengthen water quantity & water quality permitting programs

HEALTHY ECOSYSTEMS:
11E. Develop additional groundwater protections

FUNDING:
13C. Invest in local or regional water planning efforts
13E. Invest in implementation of water resources projects
Opportunities for Public Input

- Public review draft distributed through IWRS mailing list, shared with agency partners, other boards/commissions
- Posted on the WRD homepage
- Comments due by Wednesday, July 19
- Stakeholders and organizations have invited staff for briefings
- Public comments accepted at all Water Resources Commission meetings
What to Expect this Summer and Fall

• Compile and review the public input

• State Agency Advisory Group will do a second review

• Public comments shared with Water Resources Commission in mid-August

• Water Resources Commission will be asked to adopt the 2017 Strategy in mid-November
Comments or Questions?

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