



Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy

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Goals: understand and meet
Oregon's water resource needs...

...instream and out-of-stream

...quality, quantity, and ecosystem needs

...today and in the future

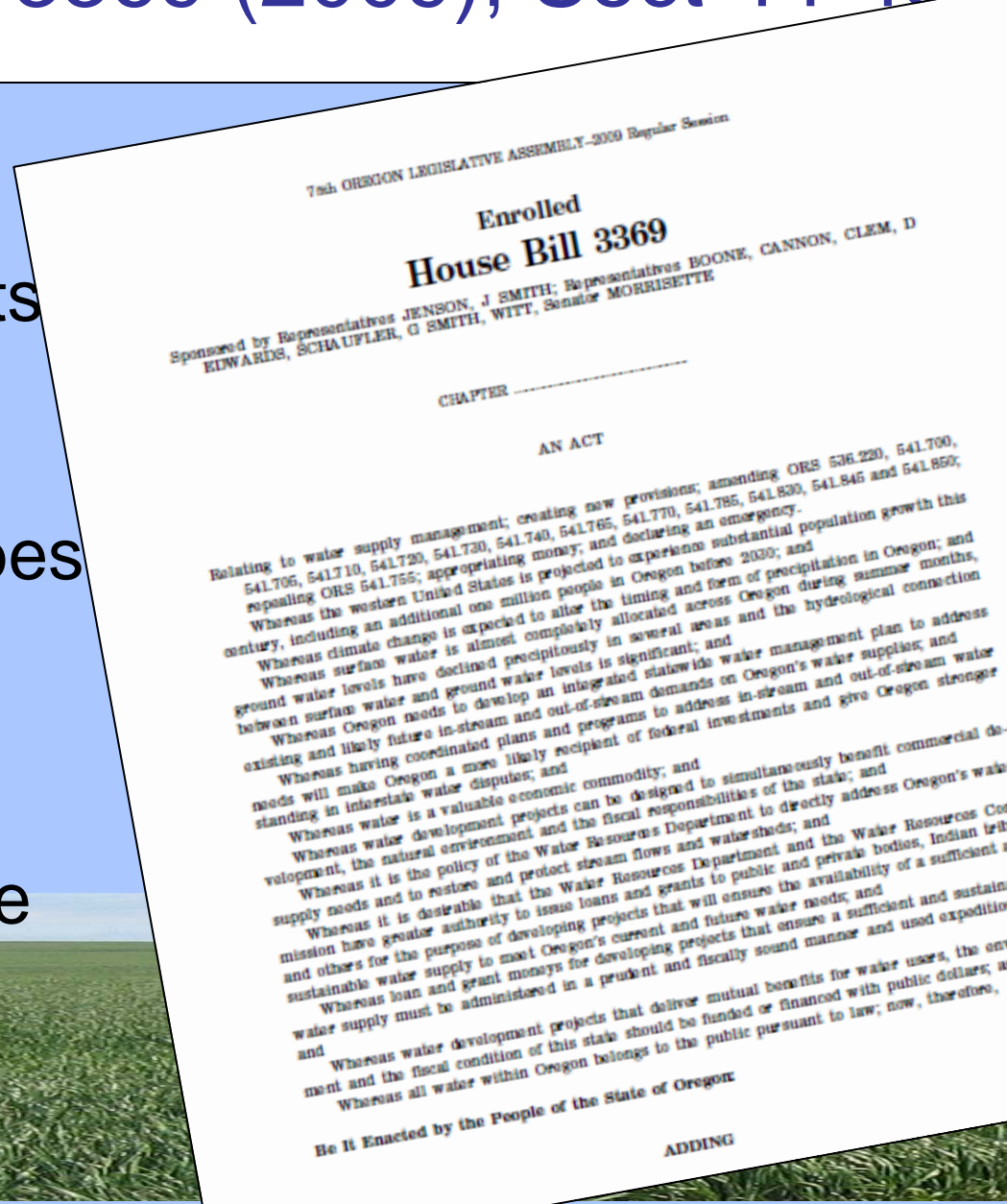


Statutory and Historic Foundation



Oregon's House Bill 3369 (2009), Sect 44-45

- Directs Oregon Water Resources to lead efforts
- Partner with DEQ, ODFW, ODA
- And other agencies, tribes stakeholders, public
- Sets forth goals above
- Account for pressures, including climate change



75th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY—2009 Regular Session

Enrolled House Bill 3369

Sponsored by Representatives JENSON, J SMITH; Representatives BOONE, CANNON, CLEM, D EDWARDS, SCHAUFLEH, G SMITH, WITT, Senator MORRISSETTE

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to water supply management; creating new provisions; amending ORS 536.220, 541.700, 541.705, 541.710, 541.720, 541.730, 541.740, 541.765, 541.770, 541.785, 541.800, 541.830, 541.845 and 541.850; repealing ORS 541.765; appropriating money; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas the western United States is projected to experience substantial population growth this century, including an additional one million people in Oregon before 2030; and

Whereas climate change is expected to alter the timing and form of precipitation in Oregon; and

Whereas surface water is almost completely allocated across Oregon during summer months, ground water levels have declined precipitously in several areas and the hydrological connection between surface water and ground water levels is significant; and

Whereas Oregon needs to develop an integrated statewide water management plan to address existing and likely future in-stream and out-of-stream demands on Oregon's water supplies; and

Whereas having coordinated plans and programs to address in-stream and out-of-stream water needs will make Oregon a more likely recipient of federal investments and give Oregon stronger standing in interstate water disputes; and

Whereas water development projects can be designed to simultaneously benefit commercial development, the natural environment and the fiscal responsibilities of the state; and

Whereas it is the policy of the Water Resources Department to directly address Oregon's water supply needs and to restore and protect stream flows and water sheds; and

Whereas it is desirable that the Water Resources Department and the Water Resources Commission have greater authority to issue loans and grants to public and private bodies, Indian tribes and others for the purpose of developing projects that will ensure the availability of a sufficient and sustainable water supply to meet Oregon's current and future water needs; and

Whereas loan and grant moneys for developing projects that ensure a sufficient and sustainable water supply must be administered in a prudent and fiscally sound manner and used expeditiously and

Whereas water development projects that deliver mutual benefits for water users, the environment and the fiscal condition of this state should be funded or financed with public dollars; and

Whereas all water within Oregon belongs to the public pursuant to law; now, therefore,

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon

ADDING

Built on a Good Foundation

- Robust data sets in place (can always use more!)
- Experience planning for the future
- Solid body of federal and state laws in place
- Grants and loans for local communities
- Technical tools available for communities to use
- Well-informed stakeholders
- Strong local partnerships
- Strong inter-agency relationships



Defining a Strategy

**The Integrated Water Resources Strategy
will provide an “action agenda”
for the next five years.**



Vision and Goals

Vision:

A statewide integrated water resources strategy will bring various sectors and interests together to work toward the common purpose of maintaining healthy water resources to meet the needs of Oregonians and Oregon's environment for generations to come.

Goals:

- #1. Improve understanding of Oregon's water resource needs.**
- #2. Meet Oregon's water resource needs.**



Goals and Objectives

Goal #1: Improve understanding of Oregon's water resource needs

Objective 1: ...instream needs

Objective 2: ...out-of-stream needs

Objective 3: ...water resources today

Objective 4: ...pressures that could affect needs

Objective 5: ...pressures that could affect access to clean and reliable water resources

Goal #2: Meet Oregon's water resource needs

Objective 6: Improve water resource health

Objective 7: Improve economic certainty and cultural access



Goals, Objectives and Recommended Actions

Goal #1: Improve understanding of Oregon's water resource needs

Objective 1: ...instream needs...recommended action

Objective 2: ...out-of-stream needs...recommended action

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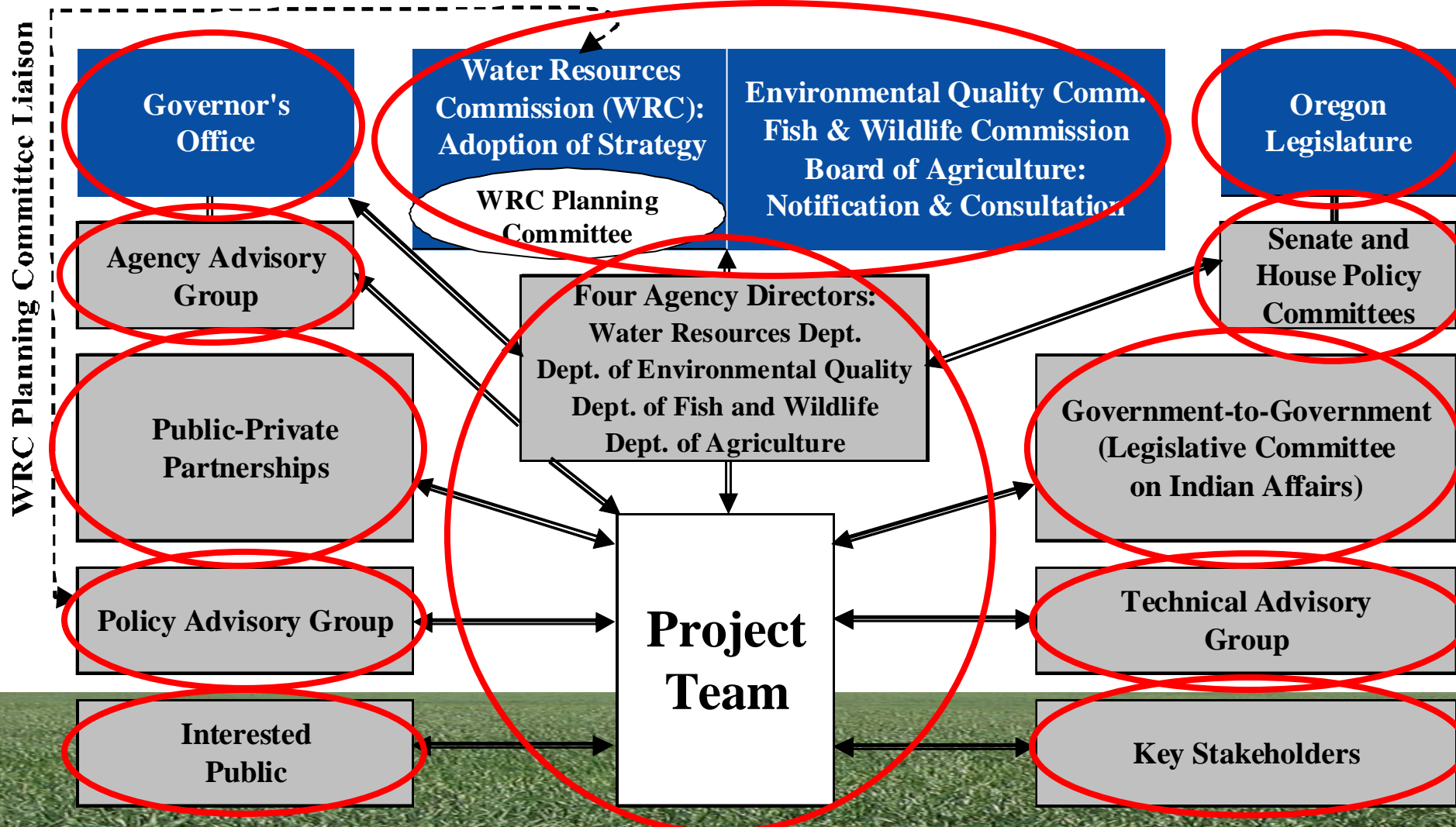
Goal #2: Meet Oregon's water resource needs

Objective 6: Improve water resource health...recommended action

Objective 7: Improve economic certainty & cultural access...rec. action

**Use the following framework:
Info/Data, Planning Efforts, Public Policy,
Statute/Rule, Funding, Education/Outreach**

Roles and Responsibilities



Project Team

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Agency Advisory Group

- Water Resources Department
- Department of Environmental Quality
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Energy
- Dept. of Land Conservation & Development
- Department of Forestry
- Dept. of Geology & Mineral Industries
- Dept. of Housing & Community Services
- Parks & Recreation Department
- Business Development Department
- Department of State Lands
- Department of Transportation
- Watershed Enhancement Board
- Dept. of Human Services - Drinking Water Program
- Economic Revitalization Team
- Environmental Justice Task Force
- Oregon Plan for Salmon & Watersheds – Core Team

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Process and Timeline

Phase I: Setting the Stage (Fall 2009)	Phase II: Identifying Water Resource Needs (Spring 2010)	Phase III: Developing Recommended Actions (2010-2011)	Phase IV: Producing Oregon's 1st Strategy (2012)	Phase V: Project Implement. (2012)

Process, Venues, Timeline for PAG

Please see Workplan Appendix B.



A View of the Final Product

- **Foreword, Overview, and Background Sections**
- **Action Agenda**
 - **Discussion of the objectives**
 - **Background on each, taken from the issue papers**
 - **Any technical work developed as part of the project**
 - **Description of the options considered and recommendations made**
- **Appendices**
 - **Agency information**
 - **Sources of input and methodologies**
 - **Sample plans from other states**
 - **Examples of local water resource successes**



“Discussion”

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