

# Oregon's Place-Based Integrated Water Resource Planning

Helping Oregon communities plan for  
their current and future water needs

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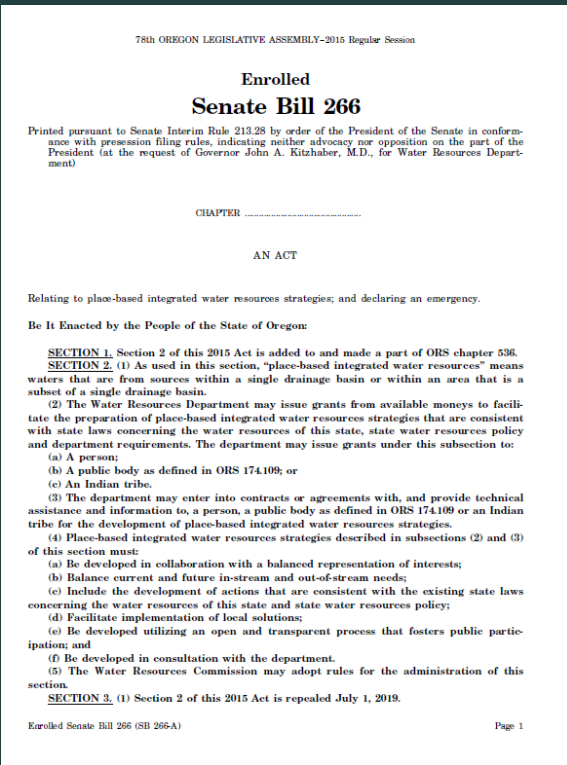
# IWRS Recommended Action 9A



Integrated  
Water  
Resources  
Strategy



Draft Planning  
Guidelines



Senate Bill 266

# Place-Based Planning Principles

1. Locally-initiated & led collaborative process
2. Voluntary, non-regulatory
3. Balanced representation of water interests
4. Conducted in partnership with State
5. Addresses instream and out-of-stream needs
6. Open and transparent public process
7. Builds on existing studies & plans
8. Does not infringe on existing water rights
9. Adheres to IWRS principles and State laws



# The 5 Planning Steps

Step 1 – Build a collaborative & inclusive process

Step 2 – Characterize water resources & identify knowledge gaps

Step 3 - Determine current & future water supply needs (instream & out)

Step 4 - Identify integrated solutions to meet needs

Step 5 - Develop an Integrated Water Resources Plan



# Pilot Phase Objectives

- Test the Draft Planning Guidelines
- Inspire collaboration and integration
- Gain experience to inform statewide IWRS
- Build local capacity and support
- Complete two plans by 2019
- Leverage funding





# Solicitation Process



- 82 inquiries
- 16 letters of interest
- \$3.6 Mill. requested
- \$750k available
- \$657k awarded



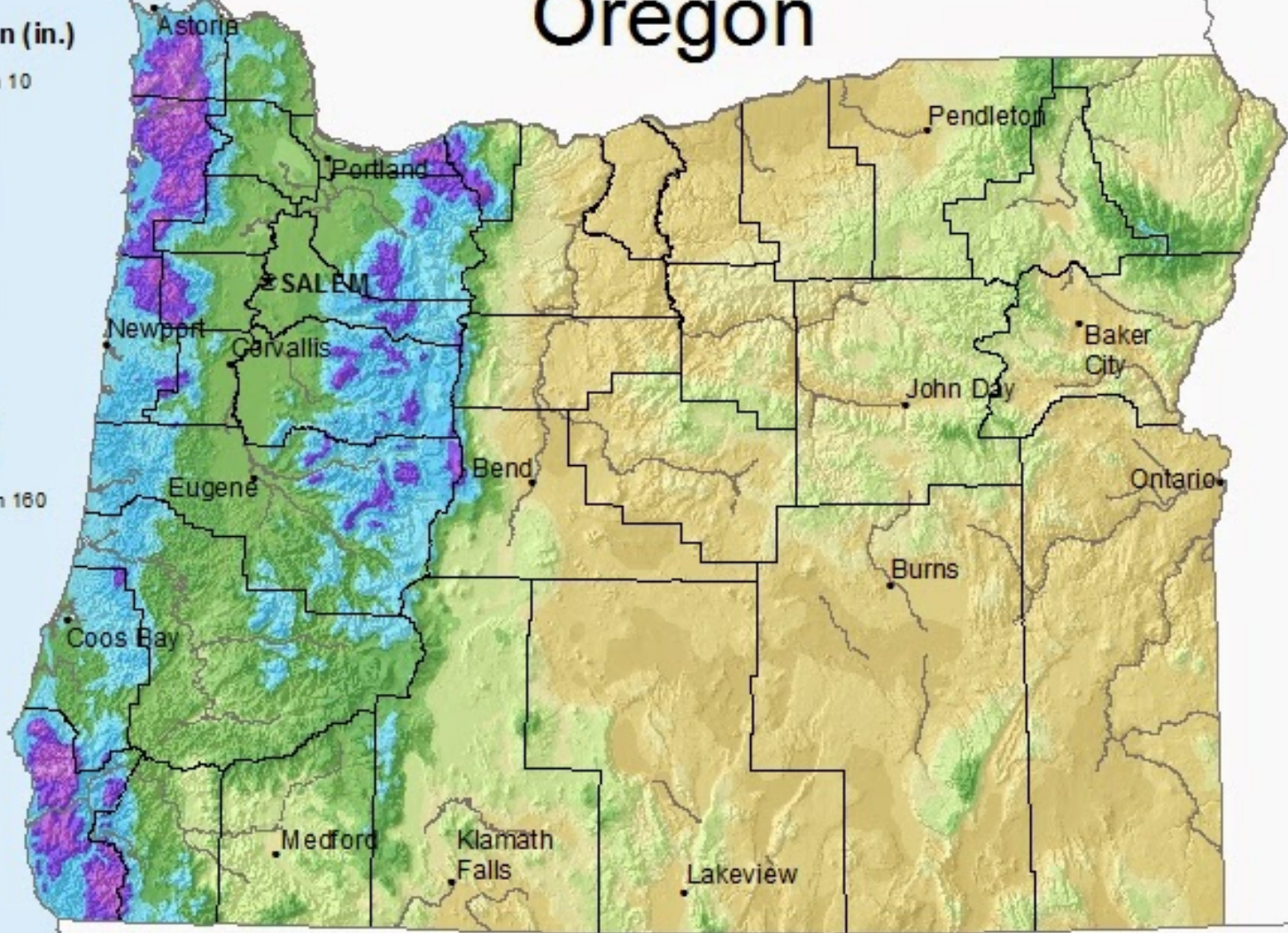
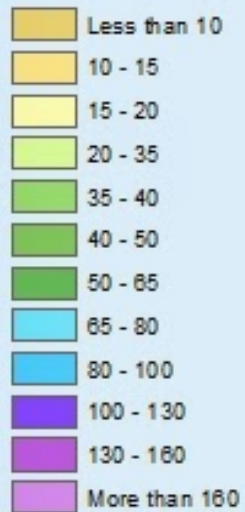
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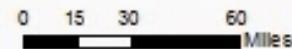
# Average Annual Precipitation (1981-2010)

## Oregon

### Precipitation (in.)



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# Who is in the Planning Groups?

- Native American Tribes
- State & federal agencies
- Citizens and professors
- Soil and water conservation districts
- Watershed councils
- City mayors & public works directors
- Environmental non-profits
- County government
- Cattleman, farm bureau, seed growers
- State & federal political staff



# OWRD Roles in Place-Based Planning

Program  
Coordination

Planning Partner

Planning

Technical  
Assistance

Financial  
Assistance



# Program Coordination

## Peer-to-Peer Learning



*I really enjoyed the Bend event. There was really good dialogue and ideas shared between the planning groups*



# Program Coordination

**OUTCOME:** Learning and making improvements

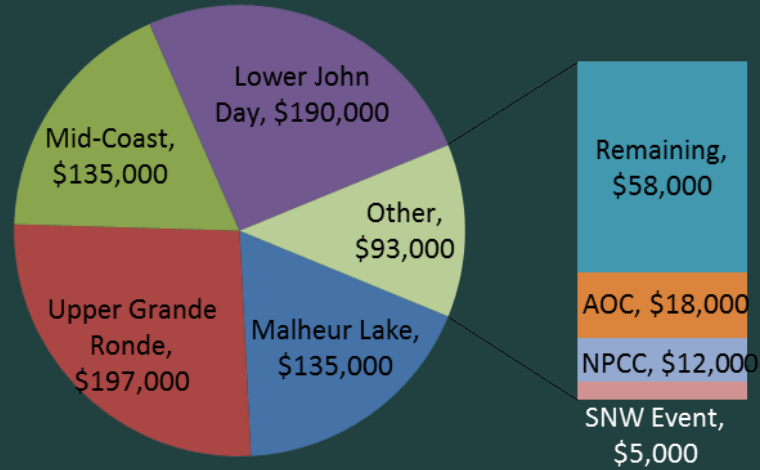
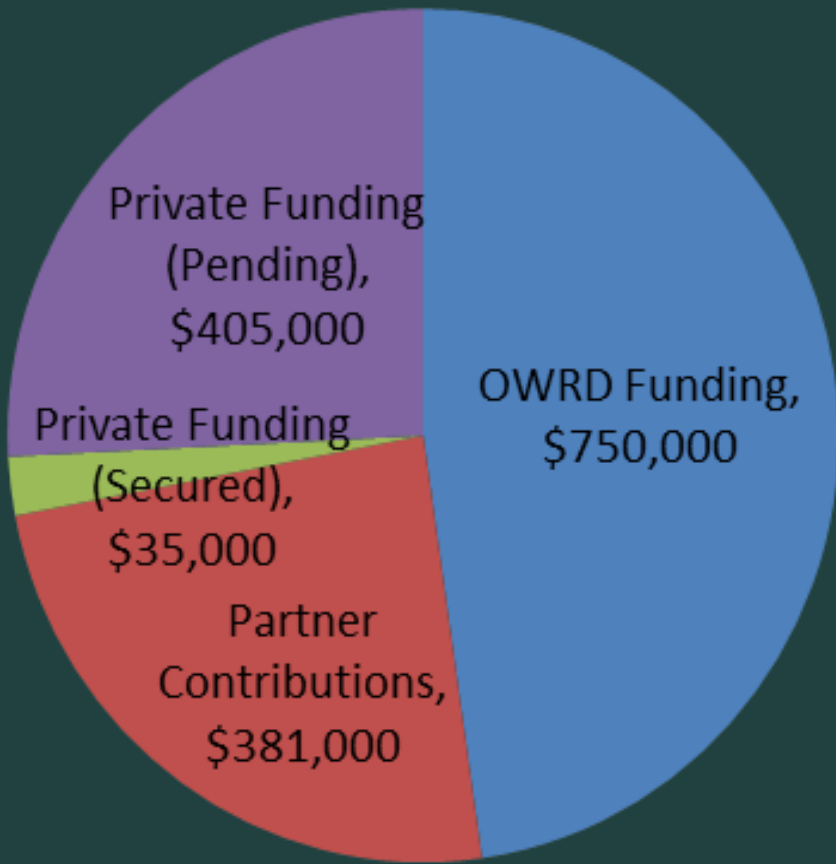
**LESSON:** A pre-planning step would be valuable

**CHALLENGE:** Need to balance structure & flexibility





# Financial Assistance





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**OUTCOME:** Public, private, and community investments

**LESSON:** Cost of planning is higher than expected

**CHALLENGE:** Adequate funding to complete plans





# Technical Assistance

- Coordination & collaboration





# Technical Assistance

**OUTCOME:** Increased access to agency information

**LESSON:** Need to be more proactive than responsive

**CHALLENGE:** Complex concepts, competing demands

