



Oregon's 2024 Integrated Water Resources Strategy - Draft 1, March 2024

Water Challenges Across Oregon

Oregon faces a number of water challenges that impact the quality and quantity of water for instream and out-of-stream needs, including:

- Too much demand for too little water for in-stream and out-of-stream uses;
- A half century of underinvestment in our water resources and infrastructure;
- Our changing population and associated development – growing in some areas, shrinking in others; and
- Climate change and associated increases in temperature, wildfire, drought, damaging floods, and harmful algal blooms.

Vision

To address changes in climate and population dynamics, Oregonians will take care of our surface water, groundwater, and built and natural infrastructure to ensure we have enough clean water for our people, our economy, and our environment now and for future generations. Oregonians will invest strategically in partnerships and planning, data and analysis, and water stewardship for instream and out-of-stream needs across all regions to support resilient communities, vibrant local economies, and a healthy environment for all who live here.

Call to Action

We must both act now and plan for the long term, otherwise we will place the safety of our communities, the health of our people and environment, and Oregon's economic future at risk. How we choose to care for our surface and groundwater and our built and natural infrastructure, will determine if we pass a legacy of clean and sustainable water to future generations. A coordinated effort of immediate actions and thoughtful planning for the future are needed. The Strategy outlines the inter-agency actions and public-private partnerships needed to understand and meet Oregon's instream and out-of-stream water needs, to create a foundation for coordinated action and funding.

The 2024 Integrated Water Resources Strategy proposes actions 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, in the following categories:

Funding

Oregon must invest now to secure our water future

- **Funding**

Partnerships and Planning

All Oregonians must work together and plan for our water future

- **Education & Outreach**
- **Land Use Planning**
- **Coordination & Collaboration**
- **Natural Hazard Mitigation**
- **Water Planning**
- **Planning & Extreme Events**

Data and Analysis

Oregon needs foundational information to make wise decisions and pursue innovation

- **Water Resource/Supply Information**
- **Out-of-Stream Water Needs**
- **Instream & Ecosystem Water Needs**

Stewardship

Oregon must secure its water future through active management and stewardship of its resources

- **Healthy Ecosystems**
- **Water Infrastructure**
- **Clean Water**
- **Water & Energy**
- **Water Use & Management**