



## Oregon's Integrated Water Resources Strategy

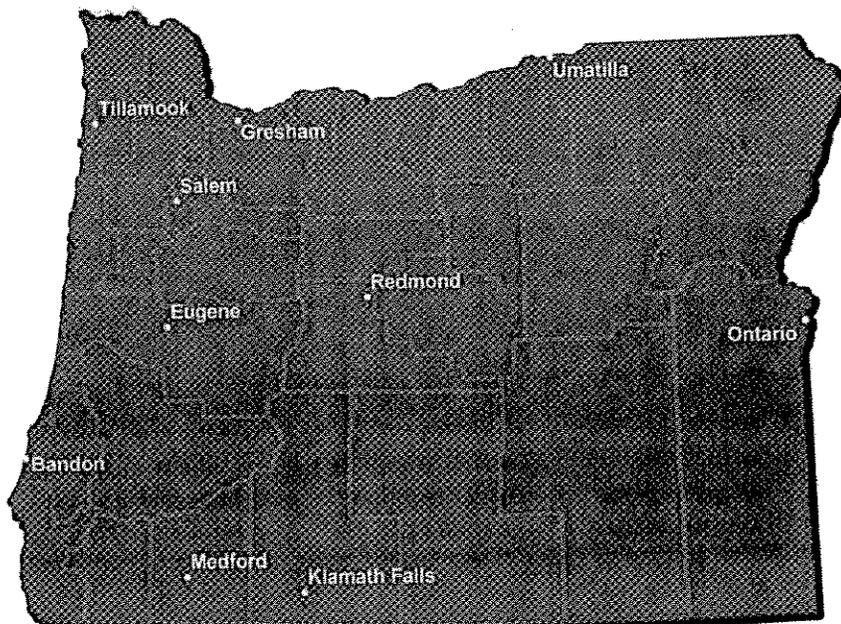
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### 2010 Open Houses

Four state agencies have been given responsibility for developing an integrated water resources strategy for Oregon by 2012, with 5-year updates thereafter. This spring, these agencies, along with commissioners and local partners, will host a series of evening open houses throughout Oregon communities, serving three purposes:

1. To ensure that participants receive information about the statewide strategy, the project timeline, and the many opportunities to participate.
2. To gather input from community members, in terms of water resource challenges, opportunities, and recommended actions.
3. To highlight successful, local examples of water resource solutions currently underway in Oregon communities.

Various stations will allow participants to engage in individual conversations and facilitated discussions, listen to presentations, and to ask questions about current issues and local projects. A "kid's center" will allow younger attendees to participate in water-related activities.



### 2010 Schedule

**Gresham – March 31**

Gresham City Hall

**Ontario – April 7**

The Holiday Inn Hotel

**Umatilla – April 8**

Umatilla City Hall

**Bandon – April 22**

Conference and Community Center,  
"The Barn"

**Tillamook – April 28**

Tillamook County Library

**Medford – May 11**

Medford Library

**Klamath Falls – May 12**

Oregon Institute of Technology

**Redmond – May 13**

Redmond Fire and Rescue

**Salem – June 8**

Oregon Dept. of Fish & Wildlife Office

**Eugene – June 10**

Eugene Public Library

4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Another Way to Participate

If you are unable to attend these public events, you can still participate in the discussion by providing your responses to the following questions. We are eager to hear from a wide variety of disciplines and perspectives. Please send responses to [waterstrategy@wrd.state.or.us](mailto:waterstrategy@wrd.state.or.us).

1. **Vision:** As we embark on a long-term, integrated water resources strategy, what are some broad objectives you have, with regard to water in Oregon? Describe your hopes and goals for the state, in terms of water quantity, water quality, and other water-related issues.
2. **Challenges:** As we sketch out "scenarios" that depict what the future of Oregon's water resources may look like, what do you see as some factors that may hinder our ability to meet Oregon's water needs in the future?
3. **Solutions:** Do you have water resource solutions (policies, projects, or approaches) that you would like to see as part of this Integrated Strategy? Worded differently, what are some successful models from your organization, community, or elsewhere that we should encourage or develop further?
4. **Education/Outreach:** Do you feel that you have access to adequate information about water resource issues? What water resource issues are you and your community facing today? Do you have any suggestions or ideas that could help us provide better education and outreach to your community members about these issues?

## Project Links

- Visit our [website](#) to find background information, meeting announcements and materials.
- Stay informed of project activity by joining the [IWRS listserv](#).
- [Contact the Project Team](#) directly to ask questions, offer suggestions, or submit comments.
- Read the [Issue Papers](#), including the [Ecology and Ecosystems Paper](#), to understand why it is important to start planning now.
- Check out the [Preliminary Workplan](#) for process-related information.

## Project Timeline & Progress Bar

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 the 1 <sup>st</sup> Strategy (2012)	Phase V: Implementation and Evaluation (2012)