

PLACE-BASED (INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES) PLANNING

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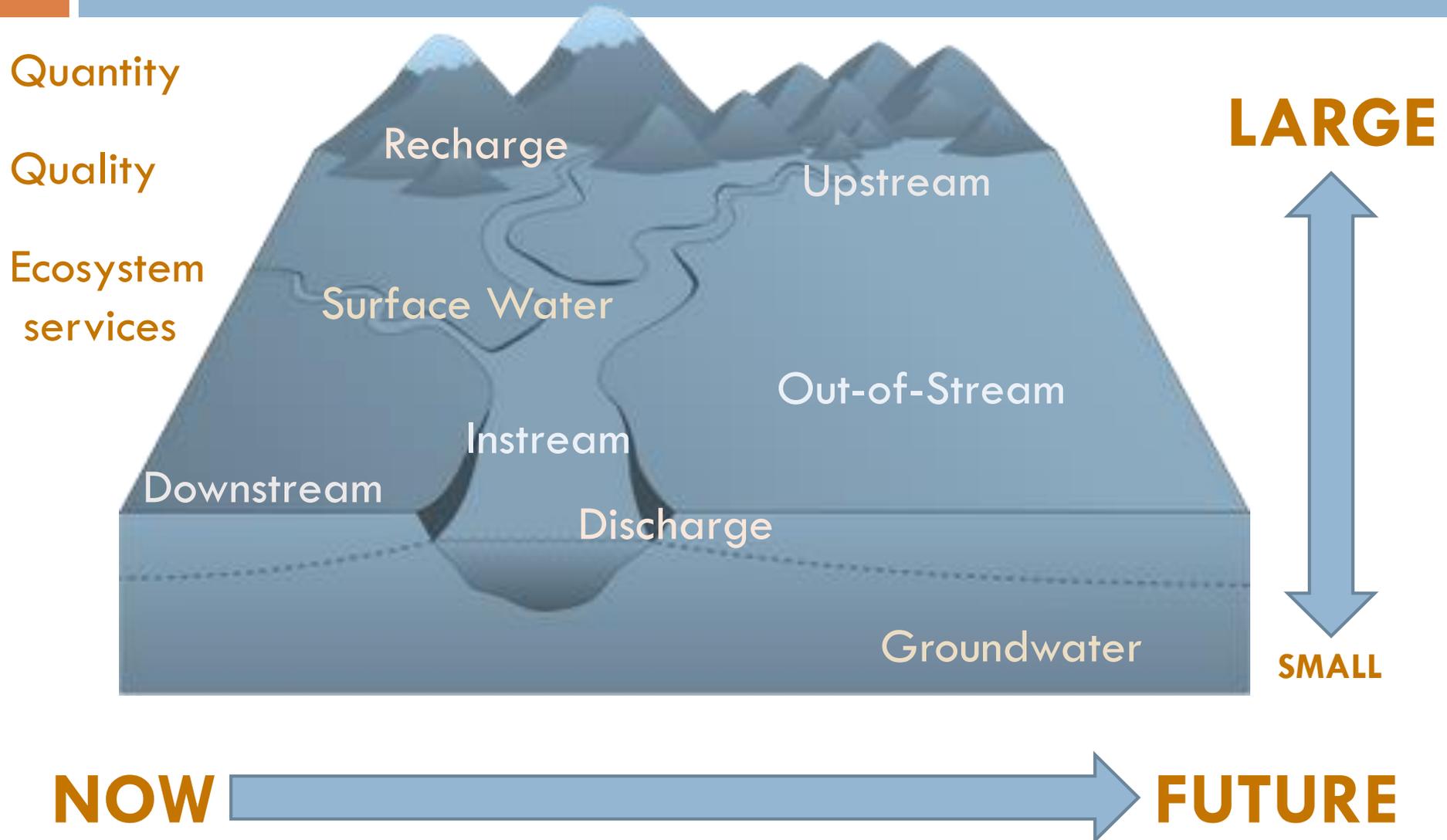
Overview

- Why do we need water planning?
- How did we get here?
- What is place-based planning?
- Who is interested in place-based planning?
- Where is it happening?
- What have we learned?

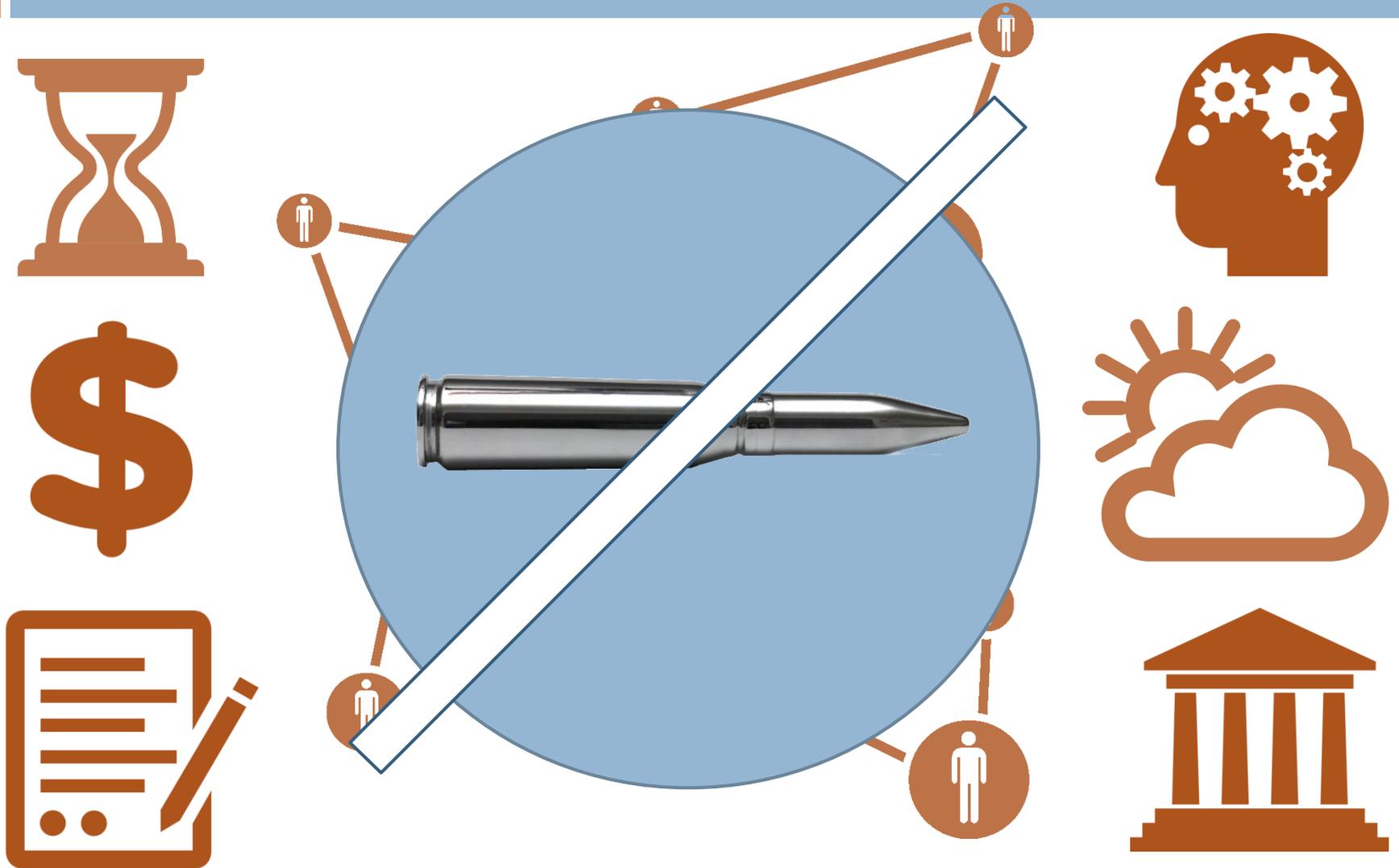
Water...how it affects us



Water...how it connects us



Managing for complexity



OWRD's mission

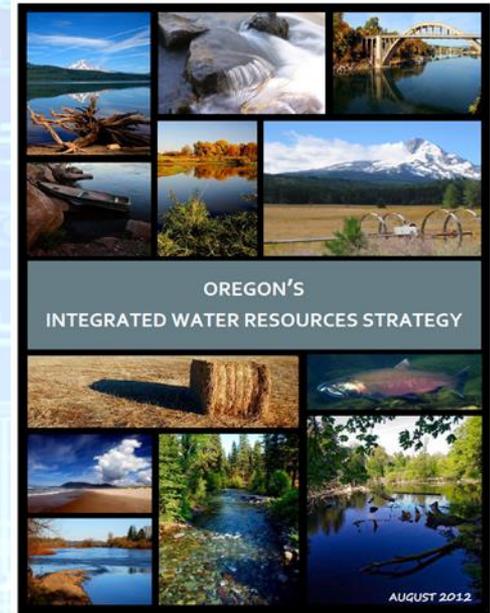
- OWRD's mission is to serve the public by practicing and promoting responsible water management through two key goals:
 - ▣ to directly address Oregon's water supply needs, and;
 - ▣ to restore and protect streamflows and watersheds in order to ensure the long-term sustainability of Oregon's ecosystems, economy, and quality of life,



Integrated Water Resources Strategy (IWRS)

- ❑ Blueprint to understand and meet Oregon's instream and out-of-stream needs
- ❑ Contains over 40 recommended actions
- ❑ Highlights good work already happening
- ❑ Emphasizes a collaborative, partnership approach
- ❑ Helps to focus agency and partner actions
- ❑ Path forward for place-based planning

≡ Investments in science, capacity, and communities



Planning in other states



Place-based planning in Oregon



Voluntary, non-regulatory, locally convened effort in which a balanced representation of water interests within a hydro-geographic area (e.g., basin or watershed) work in partnership with the state to understand their water resources and develop integrated solutions to address meet current and future water needs.

Core principles

- Balanced representation of interests
- Balance current and future instream and out-of-stream water needs
- Open and transparent process that fosters public participation
- Local solutions
- Consistent with state law and policy
- Developed in consultation with the State

FIVE planning steps

1. Build a collaborative and inclusive process
2. Characterize water resources
3. Understand current and future water needs
4. Identify integrated solutions to meet needs
5. Develop an integrated water resources plan

****Identify and leverage resources to implement****

Place-based planning is **not, cannot, does not...**

- ❑ IS NOT OWRD's planning process
- ❑ CANNOT jeopardize existing water rights
- ❑ CANNOT obligate or encumber any individual or organization
- ❑ Change existing policy or rules
- ❑ DOES NOT prevent or alter the regular activities of partners
- ❑ IS NOT a venue for finger pointing or casting blame
- ❑ A forum or venue to pursue individual, single-purpose interests

Place-based planning is, can, does...

- IS Oregon's water planning process
- IS future focused
- IS a voluntary, locally convened process that CAN:
 - ▣ Develop a shared vision for our water future
 - ▣ Integrate complementary efforts
 - ▣ Coordinate data collection/information gathering
 - ▣ Identify broadly supported projects and actions
 - ▣ Identify policy barriers and opportunities
- DOES foster new partnerships between diverse interests
- IS conducted in partnership with state agencies
- CAN inform updates to the statewide IWRS

Pilot phase

- Test guidelines in diverse places
- Gather feedback on framework and guidelines
- Gain experience to inform the IWRS
- Develop two plans and outcomes by 2019
- Catalyze collaboration and integration
- Explore integration with other groups, efforts, and programs
- Build local capacity and support
- Leverage funding and maximize investments

Interest in place-based planning



 Current pilot areas

 Conveners still interested based on survey results

 Past inquiries and interest

82 inquiries received
24 places expressed interest
16 letters of interest
\$3.6m in funding requested
\$750k available funding
4 places selected to receive funding
22 state and federal agencies involved

Word on the street



“When I saw this opportunity I thought ‘this is long overdue, this is just what we need.’”

“We have to work together to find creative solutions to long-standing water challenges. You and I both know, these challenges won’t resolve themselves and we can’t do it alone.”

Evaluation

Evaluation criteria

- Leadership
- Partnerships
- Capacity
- Planning needs
- Potential outcomes
- Integration
- Approach

Variation among planning groups

- Geography/scale
- Convener
- History
- Capacity
- Proposed approach

Other considerations

- Pilot objectives
- Fit for pilot phase
- Need for assistance
- Readiness
- Likelihood of completion

Selected planning areas



Upper Grande Ronde

**Convener:
Union County**

**Full funding -
\$197,000**



Successful
collaboration

Innovative tools and
approaches -
integrated water
model



Coordination with
Regional Solutions

Lower John Day

**Convener:
Gilliam SWCD**



Existing partnership
and governance
agreement

**Full funding -
\$190,000**

Integration with
OWEB Planning
(Strategic Action
Planning)



Clear link to IWRS
principles –
incentives, science-
based approaches

Mid-Coast

**Convener:
City of Newport +
OWRD**

**Seed funding -
\$135,000**



Transferrable lessons
for discrete water
systems

Clear local
momentum and
active stakeholder
engagement



Commitment to track
progress against
established metrics

Malheur Lake

**Conveners:
Harney County
Watershed
Council + County
Court**

**Seed funding -
\$135,000**



Successful
collaboration

Catalyst for
collaborative water
planning



Opportunity to partner
– groundwater study

Planning Step 1

- Define planning scale
- Convene the process
- Invite and involve diverse interests
- Involve agencies as partners
- Ensure an open and transparent process
- Use consensus decision-making
- Develop a governance agreement, communication and outreach strategy, and work plan

Lessons learned (so far)

- Convener = collaborative leaders
- Pre-collaboration work
 - ▣ Stakeholder assessment and environmental scan
 - ▣ Resources for the convener
- Neutral facilitation
- Consistent communication
- Meaning of partnership and collaboration
- Scope of planning
- Collaborative capacity of partners