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Oregon 100-Year Water Vision

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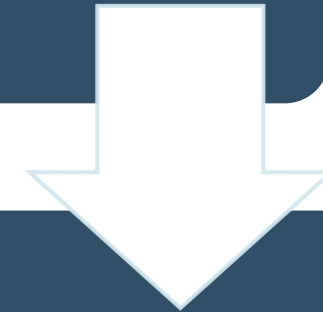


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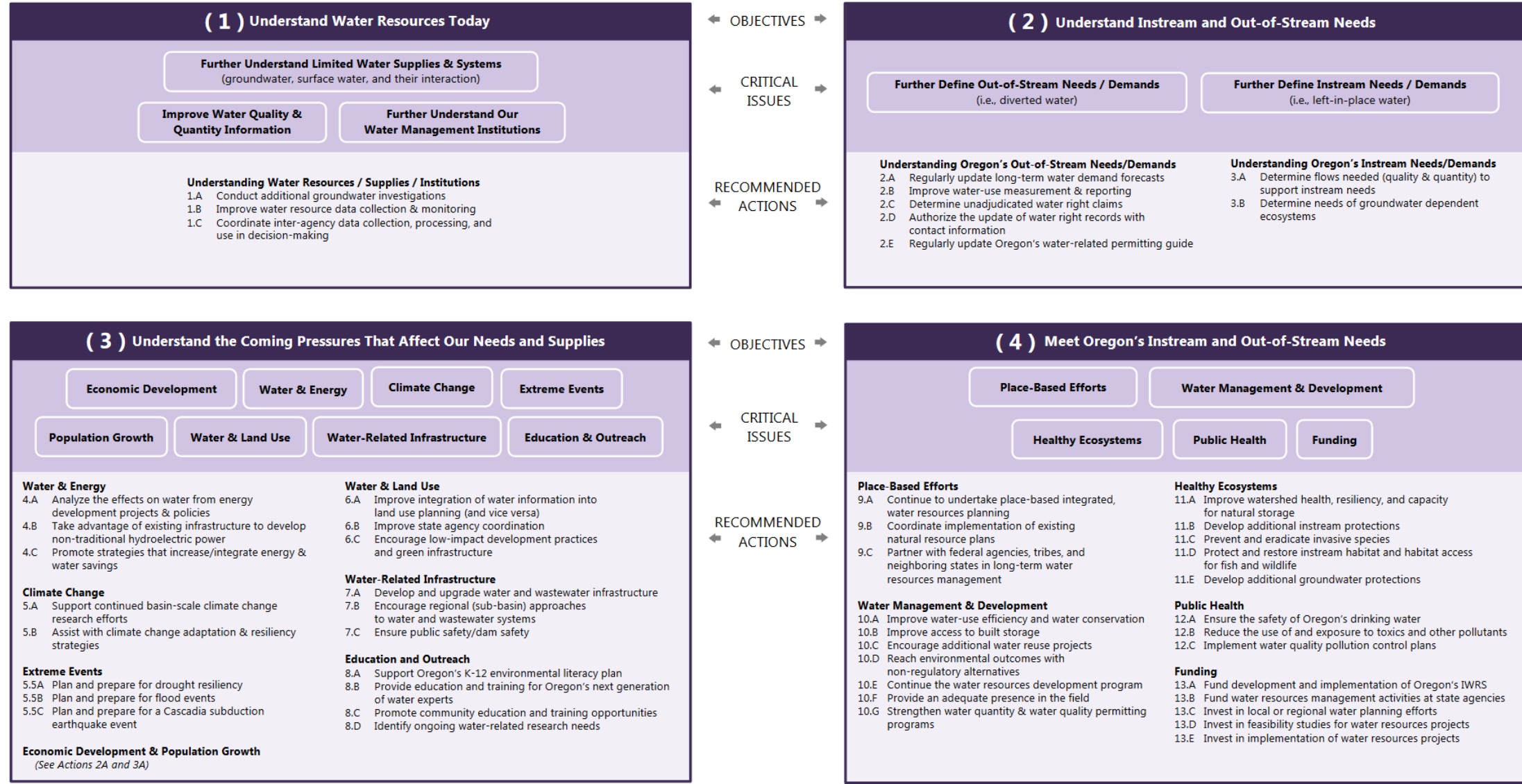
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Further Define Out-of-Stream Needs / Demands
(i.e., diverted water)

Further Define Instream Needs / Demands
(i.e., left-in-place water)

Understanding Oregon's Out-of-Stream Needs/Demands

- 2.A Regularly update long-term water demand forecasts
- 2.B Improve water-use measurement & reporting
- 2.C Determine unadjudicated water right claims
- 2.D Authorize the update of water right records with contact information
- 2.E Regularly update Oregon's water-related permitting guide

Understanding Oregon's Instream Needs/Demands

- 3.A Determine flows needed (quality & quantity) to support instream needs
- 3.B Determine needs of groundwater dependent ecosystems

(3) Understand the Coming Pressures That Affect Our Needs and Supplies

Economic Development

Water & Energy

Climate Change

Extreme Events

Population Growth

Water & Land Use

Water-Related Infrastructure

Education & Outreach

Water & Energy

- 4.A Analyze the effects on water from energy development projects & policies
- 4.B Take advantage of existing infrastructure to develop non-traditional hydroelectric power
- 4.C Promote strategies that increase/integrate energy & water savings

Climate Change

- 5.A Support continued basin-scale climate change research efforts
- 5.B Assist with climate change adaptation & resiliency strategies

Extreme Events

- 5.5A Plan and prepare for drought resiliency
- 5.5B Plan and prepare for flood events
- 5.5C Plan and prepare for a Cascadia subduction earthquake event

Economic Development & Population Growth
(See Actions 2A and 3A)

Water & Land Use

- 6.A Improve integration of water information into land use planning (and vice versa)
- 6.B Improve state agency coordination
- 6.C Encourage low-impact development practices and green infrastructure

Water-Related Infrastructure

- 7.A Develop and upgrade water and wastewater infrastructure
- 7.B Encourage regional (sub-basin) approaches to water and wastewater systems
- 7.C Ensure public safety/dam safety

Education and Outreach

- 8.A Support Oregon's K-12 environmental literacy plan
- 8.B Provide education and training for Oregon's next generation of water experts
- 8.C Promote community education and training opportunities
- 8.D Identify ongoing water-related research needs

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Fall 2019: Water Vision Outreach Launch

Catalyst for
Investment



Phase I Objectives

- ▶ Refine the Vision, problem statement, and goals
- ▶ Building on the IWRS, increase understanding of available data and gaps, as well as built and natural infrastructure conditions and needs (ongoing)
- ▶ Building on IWRS, increase identification of priority data needs for effective built and natural water infrastructure decision-making (ongoing)
- ▶ Increase knowledge of current state and federal funding available (ongoing)
- ▶ Increased awareness by water leaders of the context around the 100-Year Water Vision (ongoing)



Outreach & Engagement Process

- ▶ 8 Community Conversations
- ▶ 1 Website survey
- ▶ 1 technical workshop
- ▶ 78 stakeholder interviews
- ▶ Formal/informal conversations and/or interviews with all federally recognized tribes
- ▶ 950 participants engaged
- ▶ Over 4,300 individual comments





Processing the Feedback





Data and Information Needs

Water availability

- Supply, use, demand, and conservation

Water quality

- Water treatment, reuse, and contaminants

Environment

- Watershed health and instream needs

Future trends

- Climate, population, and resiliency

Funding

- Available resources and opportunities for increased efficiencies



Data and Information Asks

An integrative
water data
platform

- GIS-based and easily accessible for community planning
- Aggregated and standardized
- Affordable and in real-time
- Climate and other models for predictive water planning
- Inclusive of every basin in the state



Thematic Takeaways (1)

- ▶ External forces impact water use and water availability
- ▶ Conserving water, using it efficiently, and reusing it
- ▶ Oregon's built water infrastructure is aging, and natural infrastructure is under-utilized
- ▶ Ecosystems are an important, but under-recognized part of the water conversation



Thematic Takeaways (2)

- ▶ Communities recognize safety as an important piece of the water conversation
- ▶ Water is a limited resource. Useful and usable information is needed to begin discussions about balancing interests
- ▶ Oregon needs to ramp up investments, not just for projects, but for strategic planning, information, and community capacity



Process Takeaways

- ▶ Tribes are sovereign nations, and their role in Oregon's water future is key
- ▶ All Oregonians need to be actively engaged in water decisions to develop effective, locally based solutions
- ▶ Regional approaches and flexibility will be needed to address Oregon's diverse water conditions and needs... and a statewide framework is also necessary
- ▶ Policy was broadly discussed, but not necessarily agreed on...
- ▶ Creating a culture of water



Moving Forward

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- ▶ **There is a strong interest in continuing the dialogue, and...**
- ▶ There are questions:
 - ▶ What will the next phase entail?
 - ▶ Will this process be inclusive?
 - ▶ Will the state take strong leadership?
 - ▶ Will this or any process result in real change?



What We Propose to Do

- ▶ With 2020 Session Funding
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2020 Legislative Session

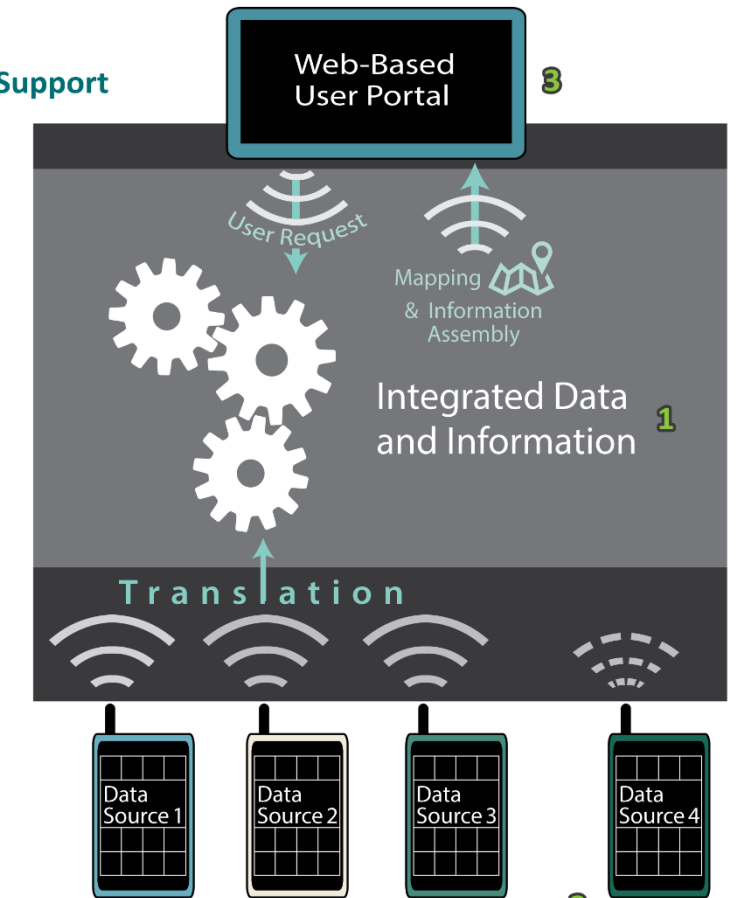
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- ▶ Water Vision Coordination & Implementation
 - ▶ OWEB - \$350,000
- ▶ Water Vision Decision Support Tool Development
 - ▶ DEQ - \$250,000
- ▶ Water Business Case
 - ▶ WRD - \$200,000

Access and Decision-Support Tools for Users

Water Data Integration Platform

Water Data Inputs



2 Data missing - develop approach and then translate

2020 Budget Request:

- 1 Developing specifications and requirements for a water data platform that integrates data to enable agencies and communities to make strategic water decisions;
- 2 Identifying key water data gaps; and
- 3 Identifying initial user needs for web-based user portal.



Phase II Approach

- ▶ Legislative Funding Needed
- ▶ Water Future Advisory Council, other committees and partnerships to address outcomes and objectives – Executive Order following session
- ▶ Inclusive process
 - ▶ Legislature
 - ▶ Tribes
 - ▶ Diverse cross-section of stakeholders
- ▶ Funding proposals in 2021 and future biennia
- ▶ Only policy and statutory changes related to outcomes and objectives
- ▶ Note: In parallel – 2022 IWRS Update



Phase II Outcomes

- ▶ Improve **funding coordination and increase funding available** in both the short and long term for built and natural water infrastructure and ecosystems
- ▶ Develop and invest in the **public engagement, governance, information, and capacity systems** needed to ensure communities can strategically plan for, design, and implement water investments



Phase II Objectives

- ▶ Community Capacity
- ▶ Water Investment Governance
- ▶ Water Funding
- ▶ Engaging Oregonians
- ▶ Data and Information Systems



Legislature and Advisory Council

- ▶ Partnership
 - ▶ Governor's Memo – full coordination with legislature
 - ▶ Policy Recommendations from advisory council need to be vetted through legislative process
 - ▶ Budget Recommendations from advisory council or agencies will be coordinated through legislative process
 - ▶ Topics not within advisory council purview – legislative determination to pursue

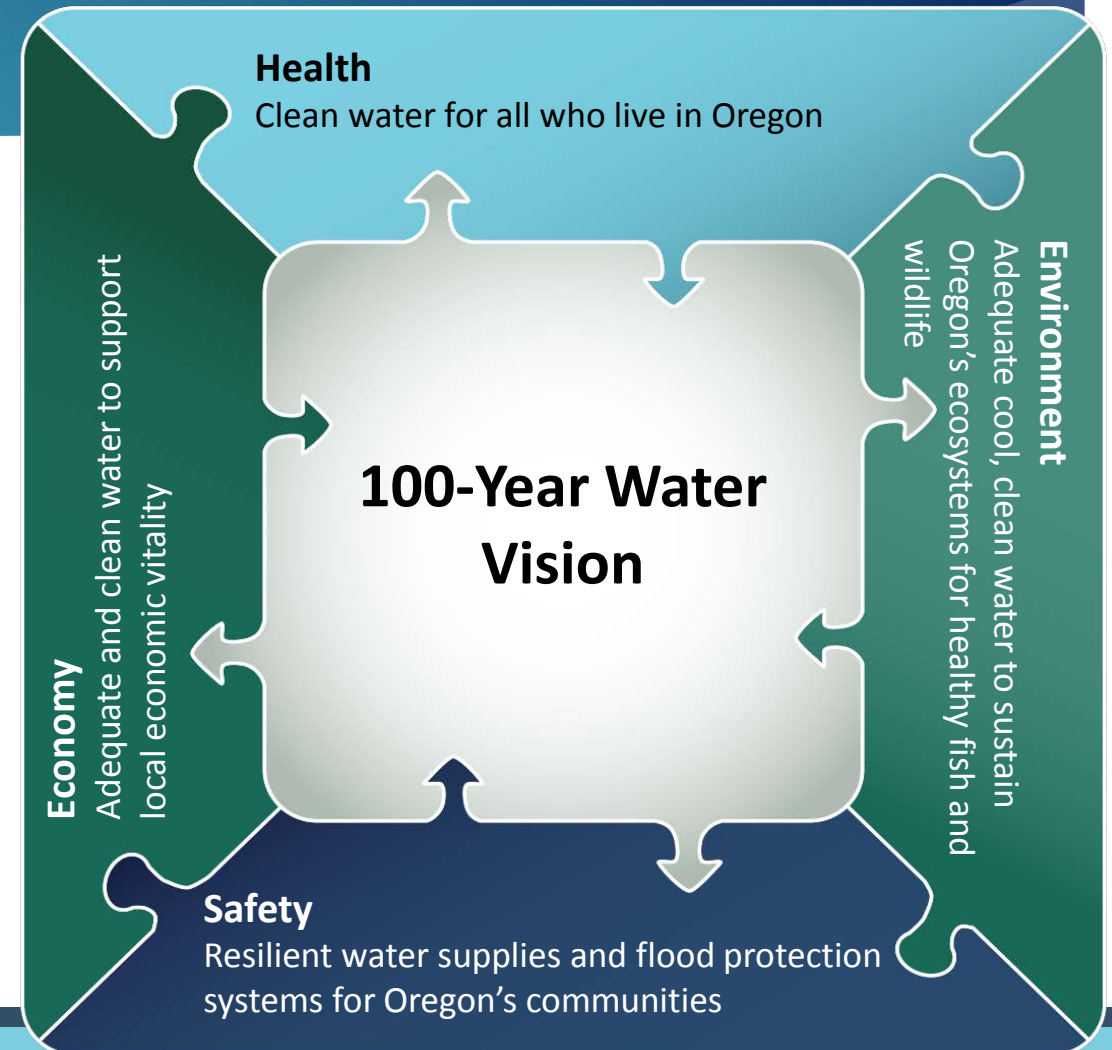


Oregon's 100-Year Water Vision: A Call to Action

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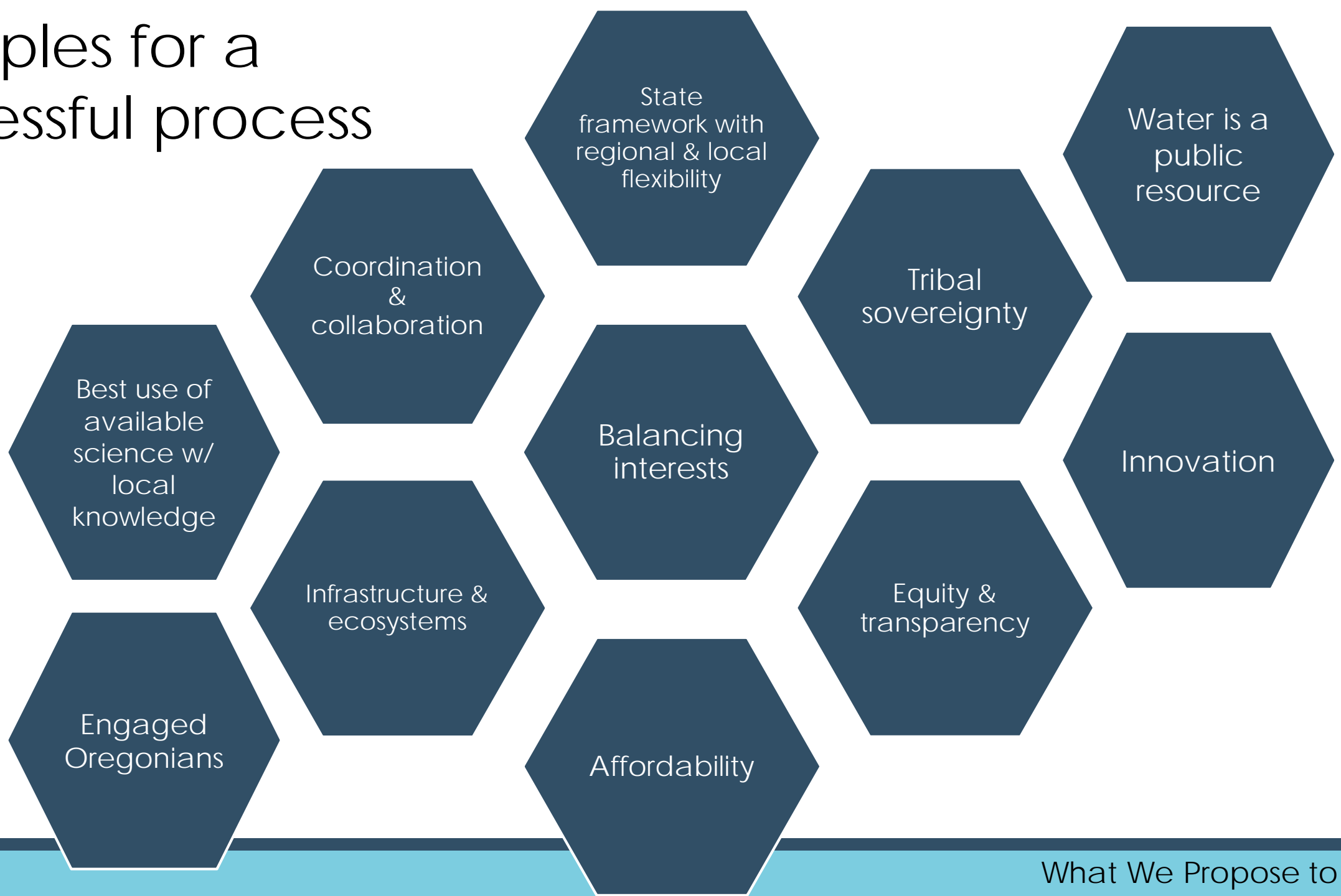




What Changed in the Vision

- ▶ Strong focus on investment and associated needs to support investments
- ▶ Goals stayed the same, but more detailed descriptions
- ▶ Many goal statements proposed were added as principles
- ▶ Recognize limited supply
- ▶ Acknowledgements
- ▶ Clear recognition of natural infrastructure and ecosystems
- ▶ Recognition of recreation
- ▶ Clarified challenges and opportunities – system and management

Principles for a successful process





Other Topics Raised

- ▶ Incredible range of feedback – as extensive as the IWRS
- ▶ Policy, data and information, community coordination, innovation
- ▶ Water Committee Bill topics
- ▶ Tracking our progress and success
- ▶ Look to other states and within Oregon



Documents on
www.OregonWaterVision.org

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Full Summary Report

- Revised Water Vision
- Executive summary
- Process recommendations
- Oregon Consensus summary
- Methodology
- Outreach and engagement
- Technical data workshop



Call to Action:

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Questions?

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