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**The State Water Resources Research Institute for Oregon**

## Program Overview:

In 2005, Oregon State University established the **Institute for Water and Watersheds** as the hub for water-related teaching and research activities at the University. The goals of the IWW are to:

- ◆ provide **coordination of water and watershed activities at OSU**,
- ◆ connect a diverse student body with relevant issues across the state,
- ◆ enable capture of new, high-value opportunities for research, education, and outreach,
- ◆ engage OSU faculty and students with external stakeholders throughout the state, and
- ◆ establish a set of **shared water and watershed collaboratories** supporting research, teaching and outreach.



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### 2009 Institute Funding Awards

- ◆ **Detecting Heavy Metal Contamination in the Umatilla River of Eastern Oregon**
- ◆ **A Local Assessment of "Abandoned Wells" in Linn and Benton Counties**
- ◆ **Synthesis of Traceable Nanoparticles for Studying the Fate and Transport of Engineered Nanomaterials in Aquatic Systems**
- ◆ **Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD): Developing an Integrated Water Resource Strategy**
- ◆ **Vegetation and Soil Processes in Restored Wetlands**
- ◆ **Dams and Development: Ecological, Socioeconomic, and Policy Dimensions**
- ◆ **Colloidal Transport in Variably Saturated Porous Media: A Detailed Evaluation of Colloid Mobilization Mechanisms**
- ◆ **Short Course on Isotope Hydrology and Isotope Biogeochemistry: Developing a Critical Mass of Knowledge and Experience**

A central aspect of IWW is the **development of new and innovative ways to engage stakeholders**. In celebration of the 100 year anniversary of the Oregon Water Code, IWW sponsored conferences on **Aquifer Storage and Recovery and Artificial Recharge in Oregon** which was attended by 180 people (<http://water.oregonstate.edu/asr/index.htm>), **Wells and the Well-Being of Oregon** attended by 80 people (<http://water.oregonstate.edu/projects/2008/wells.htm>), and **Statewide Water Roundtables** in which we listened to over 300 water users across the state in preparation of a statewide water plan (<http://water.oregonstate.edu/roundtables/docs.htm>). Oregon is one of two western states without a long-term water supply plan. IWW also participated in the **Water Initiative** submitted to the Oregon Business Summit and the **Exempt Groundwater Well Policy Consensus Work Group** to work on Oregon's rules and regulations on exempt wells. (<http://www.odrc.state.or.us/08005ExemptGroundwaterWell.php>)

**Aquifer Storage and Recovery and Artificial Recharge in Oregon**

A One-Day Symposium | 28 February 2008 | OSU LaSells Stewart Center, Corvallis

*A Flow Path for the Future of Oregon's Water Resources*  
**Statewide Water Roundtables**