

# Oregon Water Roundtables

House Energy and Environment  
Committee

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# Locations and Participants

- Central Oregon 65
- Coastal Oregon 55
- Eastern Oregon 50
- Southern Oregon 56
- Willamette Valley 75

Total Participants 301

# Participants Interests

- Broad range of water users
- Knowledgeable participants
- Broad range of concerns about water
- Not optimistic about current or future water supplies

# Expert Presentations

- Water Resources Department
- Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Department of Environmental Quality
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Irrigation District Managers
- City Water/Wastewater Managers
- Tribal Representatives
- NGOs

# Representative Issues

- Funding for water and wastewater infrastructure and management
- Protection of existing water rights and uses
- Water quality, esp. non-point and microcontaminants
- Water-land use planning integration
- Climate change impacts
- Wetland, floodplain and instream flow restoration
- Interstate water allocation/management

# Key Messages

One size does not fit all—Regional solutions are needed to meet regional needs

Public information and education about water and water management is needed

# Potential Solutions

- Maximize available funds through agency coordination and streamlining of funding sources
- Water reuse
- Water markets, pricing and incentives
- Water storage and conservation
- Local food supplies
- Interstate compact(s)