

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

# **Oregon Water Roundtables**

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**OWEB Board Meeting**

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# Roundtable Background

- Idea: introduced by then-Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, discussed at IWW Advisory Board meeting in **April 2008**, then refined
- Purpose: **listen** to Oregonians' water concerns
- Implemented by **OSU** (IWW, INR, OSGE)
- Raised about **\$25K** from private funds
- Selected **five** locations, identified experts to speak on local water issues
- Participants generally **self-selected**
- **Report for 2009 Legislature**, Governor's Office, OWRC, agencies, citizens

# Locations, Dates, and Number of Participants

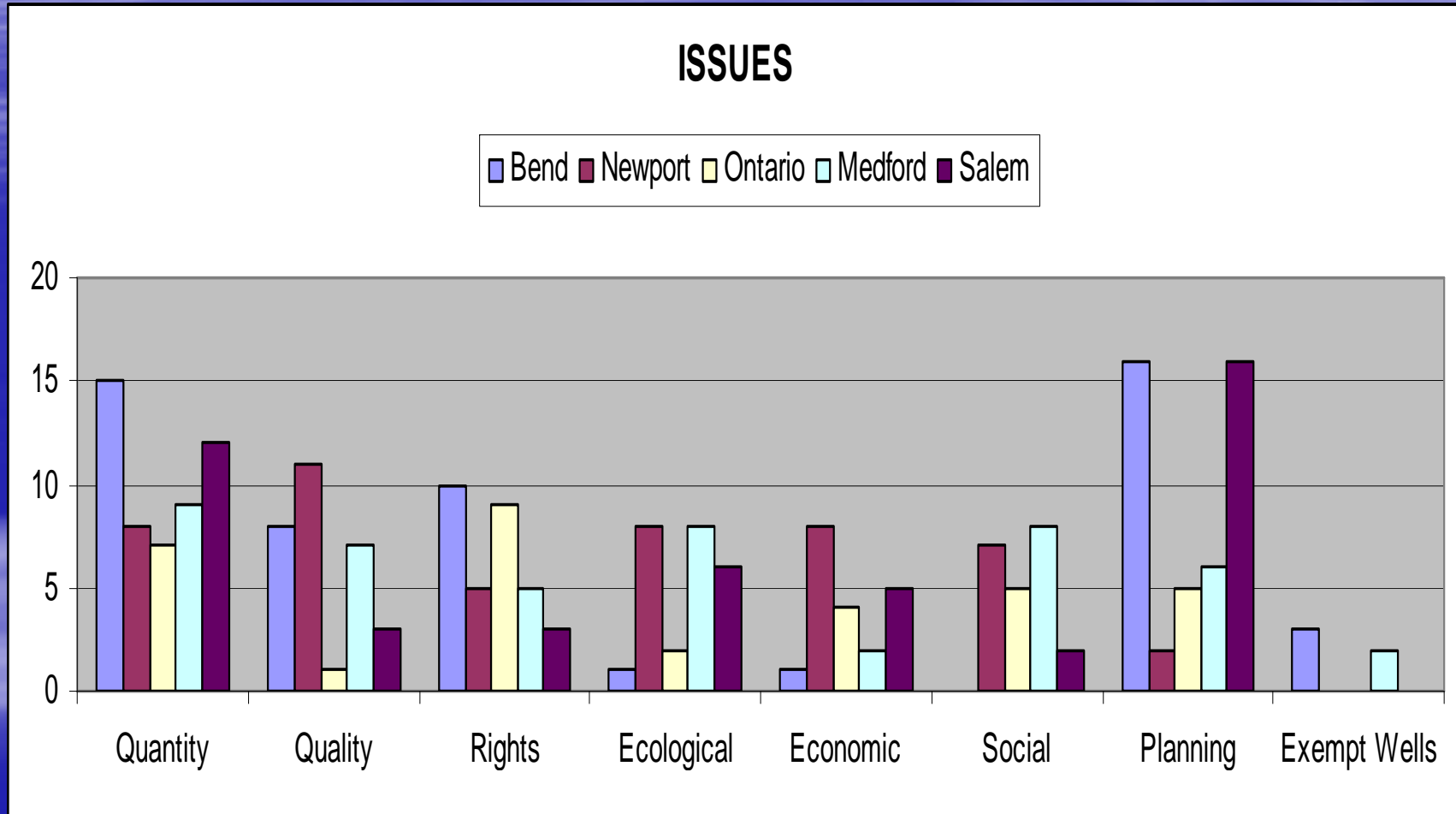
- Central Oregon (Bend; 9/25/08) - **65**
- Coastal Oregon (Newport; 9/30/08) - **55**
- Eastern Oregon (Ontario; 10/7/08) - **50**
- Southern Oregon (Medford; 10/14/08) - **56**
- Willamette Valley (Salem; 10/21/08) - **75**

**Total Participants - 301**

For comparison, the Oklahoma Water Resources Research Institute held 42 Roundtables in 2008 to update their statewide water plan.



# Issues of Interest by Location



# Key Messages

- Need for **integrated** water management planning and implementation
- One size does not fit all—**regional solutions** are needed to meet **regional needs**
- **Protection of existing water rights, uses**
- **Public information and education** about water and water management are needed
- **More support** for State agencies involved with water

# Quote From Ontario

*“We need to do it ourselves. We need to start local and include those impacted physically and economically by water use, including peripheral industries linked to water use. Growth should pay its own way so we own a benefit down the road. We need to demonstrate an economic and ecological benefit to investors in the future through planning.”*

# Suggested Policy Solutions

- Maximize available funds through **agency coordination** and streamlining of federal and state funding sources
- Water **conservation tax credits**, like energy tax credits
- Water **reuse** and **recycling**
- Water **markets**, pricing, and incentives
- Water **storage** and **conservation**
- Measuring **water flows** and **uses** systematically
- Local **integrated** water planning
- Interstate compact(s)

# Roundtable Financial Sponsors

- **Central Oregon Cities Organization**
- League of Oregon Cities
- **Oregon Trout**
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation
- **Oregon Water Utilities Council**
- Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt
- **Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation**
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- **Davis Wright Tremaine LLP**
- Intel Foundation
- **Michael E. Campana**
- Newton Consultants, Inc.
- **Stoel Rives LLP**
- ICF Jones & Stokes
- **Todd Jarvis**
- The Nature Conservancy

*Thank you to our investors*

# Comments, Questions?

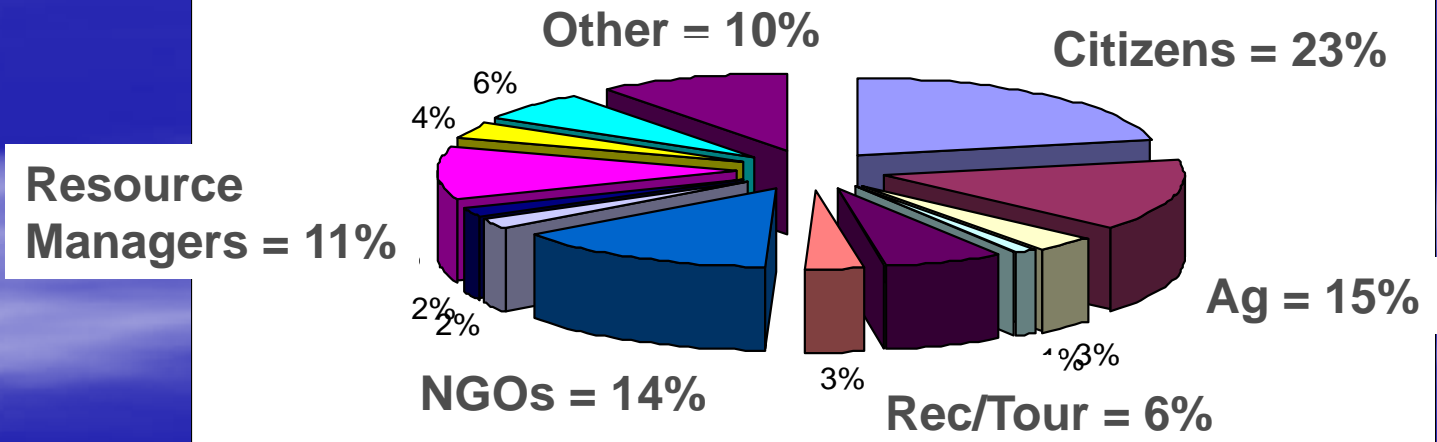
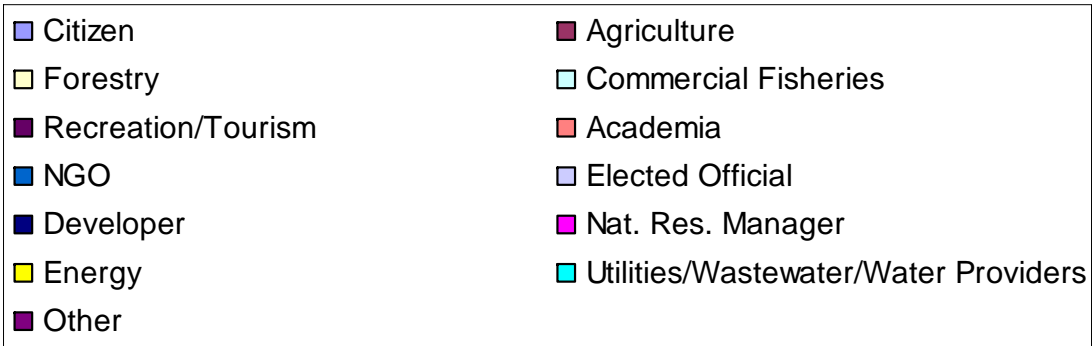
- All documents – agendas, presentations, Power Points, synthesis report, and appendices - are available at:

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# Participants' Interests

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# Participants Cared Most About...

## FACTORS PARTICIPANTS CARED MOST ABOUT

■ A. Water Quality ■ B. Water Quantity ■ C. Economics ■ D. Ecological ■ E. Social

