

Oregon Water Roundtables

Oregon Water Utilities Council

2008 Legislative Symposium

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Salem, OR

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

<http://water.oregonstate.edu/roundtables/docs.htm>

Locations and Participants

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



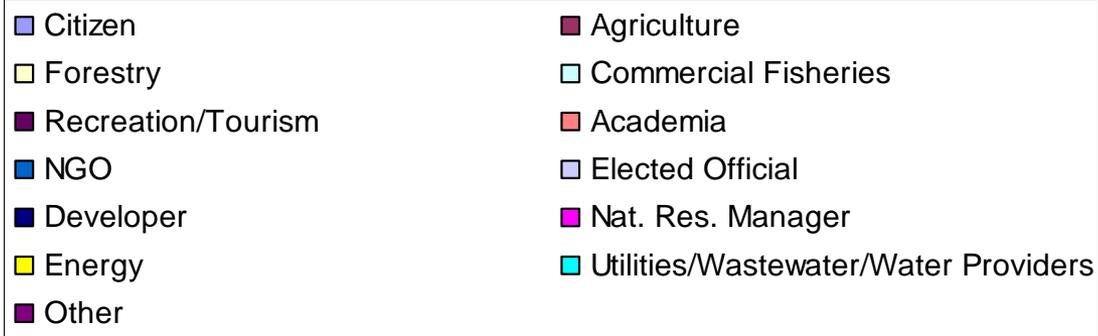
Total Participants 301

Participant Interests

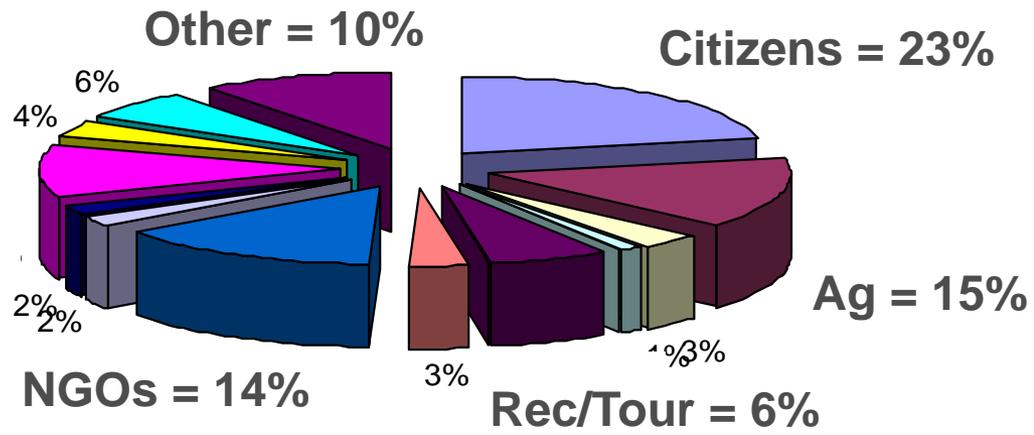
- Broad range of water users
- Knowledgeable participants
- Broad range of concerns about water
- Not optimistic about current or future water supplies

Participant Interests

PARTICIPANT INTEREST



Resource Managers = 11%



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
- Regional integrated water planning with state framework
- Protection of existing water rights and uses
- Water quality, especially non-point, micro-contaminants and impacts of urbanization
- 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 are needed

Potential Solutions

- Maximize available funds through agency coordination and streamlining of 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)

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