

Water Development Fund. Money or other property so received shall be used for the purposes for which received. [1977 c.246 §12; 1985 c.673 §127; 2009 c.907 §§14,41]

541.855 Biennial report to Legislative Assembly and Governor. The Water Resources Commission shall make available to the Legislative Assembly and the Governor a biennial report of the transactions of the Water Development Fund and the Water Development Administration and Bond Sinking Fund in such detail as will accurately indicate the transactions and the condition of the funds. [1977 c.246 §29; 1985 c.673 §128]

541.875 [1981 c.151 §2; 1983 c.652 §2; 1985 c.673 §129; 1991 c.479 §1; renumbered 541.386 in 2017]

541.880 [1991 c.479 §2; renumbered 541.393 in 2017]

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT (Definitions)

541.890 Definitions for ORS 541.890 to 541.969. As used in ORS 541.890 to 541.969:

(1) “Adaptive management” means applying management or practices over time and across the landscape to achieve site specific resource goals using an integrated and science based approach that results in changes over time in response to feedback or monitoring.

(2) “Associated uplands” includes those lands of a watershed that are critical to the functioning and protection of a riparian area.

(3) “Board” means the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board created under ORS 541.900.

(4) “Native” means indigenous to Oregon and not introduced.

(5) “Oregon Conservation Strategy” means the comprehensive wildlife conservation strategy for this state adopted by the State Fish and Wildlife Commission.

(6) “Oregon Plan” means the guidance statement and framework described in ORS 541.898.

(7) “Protect” or “protection” means to minimize or mitigate adverse effects on native fish or wildlife habitat to the maximum extent practicable given the anticipated duration, geographic scope and primary purpose of proposed activities.

(8) “Restore” or “restoration” means to take actions likely to achieve sustainable population levels of native fish or wildlife and their habitats.

(9) “Riparian area” means a zone of transition from an aquatic ecosystem to a terrestrial ecosystem, dependent upon surface or subsurface water, that reveals through the zone’s existing or potential soil-vegetation complex the influence of such

surface or subsurface water. A riparian area may be located adjacent to a lake, reservoir, estuary, pothole, spring, bog, wet meadow, muskeg or ephemeral, intermittent or perennial stream.

(10) “Soil and water conservation district” means a political subdivision of the state as described in ORS 568.550.

(11) “Stewardship” means the careful and responsible management of the environment.

(12) “Tribe” means a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon.

(13) “Watershed” means the entire land area drained by a stream or system of connected streams such that all streamflow originating in the area is discharged through a single outlet.

(14) “Watershed council” means a voluntary local organization, designated by a local government group convened by a county governing body, to address the goal of sustaining natural resource and watershed protection, restoration and enhancement within a watershed. [Formerly 541.351; 2015 c.771 §7]

Note: 541.890 to 541.969 were added to and made a part of ORS chapter 541 by legislative action but were not added to any smaller series therein. See Preface to Oregon Revised Statutes for further explanation.

(The Oregon Plan)

541.895 Legislative findings; principles of Oregon Plan; policy. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:

(a) The long-term protection of the water resources of this state, including sustainable watershed functions, is an essential component of Oregon’s environmental and economic stability and growth;

(b) Each watershed in Oregon is unique, requiring different management techniques and programs;

(c) Management techniques and programs for the protection and enhancement of watersheds can be most effective and efficient when voluntarily initiated at the local level;

(d) Cooperative partnerships between affected private individuals, interested citizens, tribes and representatives of local, state and federal agencies may improve opportunities to achieve the protection, enhancement and restoration of the state’s watersheds; and

(e) The establishment of such cooperative partnerships should be encouraged by local individuals, local organizations and representatives of state agencies.

(2) The Legislative Assembly declares that the Oregon Plan for integrating regulatory efforts while fostering incentives and voluntary action for environmental stewardship should be founded upon the following principles: