Oregon Water Resources Department & Drought

• Evaluate statewide water supply conditions

• Provide tools for dealing with water supply challenges

• Increase preparedness and resiliency to drought

• Develop drought-related resources
Multi-Year Drought Risks

• Impacts arrive sooner and are more severe
  • Earlier regulation, stream drying

• Increased reliance on supplemental and groundwater drought permits
OWRD Drought Planning

• Interagency collaboration
  • Coordinated messaging on drought conditions and impacts
• Develop water supply emergency planning guidance
  • Identify potential solutions for local jurisdictions
• Support regional planning efforts and encourage conservation planning
Using Available Information to be Prepared

- Identify vulnerable community water systems
- Identify gaps and opportunities in funding programs
- Evaluate trends in available data
  - Stream gaging network
  - Well logs