



# Community Engagement in the Harney Basin

## PROJECT TIMELINE



### 2016

Harney Basin community meetings begin, along with supporting Harney Community-Based Water Planning Collaborative Plan. OWRD stops authorizing new groundwater rights in the Basin. Multi-year groundwater study begins.

### 2018

DOGAMI surveys well elevation in the area. Public and committee engagement continues.



### 2020

Two local projects awarded grants to explore water conservation in the Harney Basin. Public and committee engagement continues.

### 2023

Independent report finds declining groundwater impacts ecosystems and domestic wells, and threatens future viability of agriculture. Legislature funds help for domestic well users impacted by water declines. Agency hosts five information sessions on water issues in the Basin, and begins pre-rule and Rules Advisory Committee meetings.

### 2025

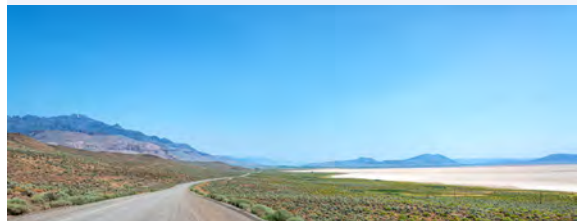
Facilitated discussion groups and rules advisory committee meetings continue in the Harney Basin. Nine public hearings and six information sessions held on draft rules. OWRD formally consults with Burns-Paiute Tribe. Public comment period extended twice to ensure local voices are heard.

### 2015

Efforts to better understand water levels and local conditions begin through new observation wells and geologic mapping.

### 2017

Public engagement continues in the Harney Basin, along with analysis from OWRD's Groundwater Study Advisory Committee. Public outreach continues.



### 2019

Additional observation wells and AgriMet stations installed to better understand local water trends. Public and committee outreach continues.

### 2022

Joint OWRD-U.S. Geologic Survey report details excessive groundwater depletion in the Harney Basin. Two information sessions held in the Basin. Grants help deepen or replace domestic wells affected by groundwater declines.

### 2024

Fourteen facilitated discussion groups hosted by Oregon Consensus and OWRD. Local Rules Advisory Committee discussions continue.

