

STATE WATER RESOURCES BOARD
ACCOMPLISHMENTS
1955 - 1970

Responsibility	ORS Authority	Accomplishments
Reviews and determines on appeal, whether fish passage facilities are in the public interest.	498.732	Board adopted "Rules of Procedure." One hearing pending.
Study water resources and needs - classify or allocate unappropriated water.	536.300) 536.310) 536.340) 536.410) 536.430)	Studied all basins except the Klamath which is in process, published reports and formulated programs. Conducted 20 informational hearings, conducted 15 hearings on programs.
Referrals from Hydro-Electric Commission (now State Engineer)	537.170) 543.225)	Published Snake River Study, Interim Report #1. Held hearings on East Pine Creek, High Mountain Sheep, North Santiam Power Project, Round Butte, Three dams on Snake River.
Establish minimum perennial streamflows if existing rights will permit.	536.310 (7)	More than 10 million acre-feet of water has been reserved for public uses in Oregon streams by the Board.
May reclassify sources of water supply.	536.340 (1)	Conducted 17 modifications hearings to existing programs.
May withdraw lakes, streams from future appropriation.	536.410	Withdrawals have been made on: Roberts Creek in Douglas County; Dutchy and Church Lakes and an unnamed stream in Lake County; Elk Creek, Rogue Basin, 25 cfs for fish from Corps of Engineers' reservoir in Jackson County; Willamette Falls, Willamette Basin, 430 cfs for fish from Corps of Engineers' reservoir in Clackamas County.

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Promote water resource development including Willamette Basin Project.	536.420) 542.110)	Prepared irrigation and mineral development reports for Mid-Columbia region. Testified twice each year (or more) in behalf of Oregon projects before Congressional Committees. Performed several needed inventories, helped form about 25 districts, offered advice to a large number, carried out irrigation interest surveys.
Devise plans & programs for the development of the water resources of the state including first step of State Water Plan.	536.430	Prepared two municipal water studies (Hood and Lincoln Counties). Prepared reconnaissance engineering plan for a 210,000-acre irrigation project at the request of Malheur County. Working on water plan for southwest region. Participating in two Pacific Northwest River Basins Commission investigations (Willamette Basin Study and Columbia-North Pacific Region Framework Study), and Western United States Water Plan.
Act as state representative in cooperative investigations.	536.440	Board transmits views of other state agencies to planning agencies during investigations. The Board entered into an agreement in 1961 with the U. S. Department of Agriculture for concurrent basin investigations. Thirteen have been published.
Determine Oregon's ultimate water requirements, including soil classification and follow up.	536.440	Study completed - published "Oregon's Long-Range Requirements for Water" report with 21 volumes of technical data. Over 500 sets distributed in the United States and Canada. Six public presentations have been made.
Assistance in the form of technical advice to other persons and agencies.	536.450	Special assistance to local entities such as Harney, Hood, Klamath, Lincoln, and Union Counties and Talent Irrigation District.

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Coordinate and participate in flood plain information studies.	536.470	Prepared two flood plain reports (Ochoco Creek, Burns-Hines) and helped finance joint studies near Drain, and on the Rogue and Applegate Rivers. Establish priority for Corps of Engineers' studies. Coordinated local participation and follow-up guides for six studies. Assisting Lincoln County's "Flood Study Committee."
Serves as coordinating entity for state participation in comprehensive river basin planning.	536.470	Board representative serves as Chariman of 30-agency Willamette Basin Review, Chairman of two Subregion Planning Task Forces and member of two others for Columbia-North Pacific Regional Framework Study, and serves on the Regional Plan Formulation Task Force, River Basins Commission Policy Committee, and Water Resources Council State ad hoc Advisory Committee on Cost Sharing for Flood Control. Board serves as liason agency to Westwide Water Study.
Collect and supply water data.	536.480	Maintain library, computerize water rights, precipitation and water flow records. Maintain mapping program.
Carry out responsibilities dealing with the material removal bill administrated by the Division of State Lands.	541.605) through) 541.990)	Board adopted rules related to the law on September 25, 1967. Issued two injunctions in enforcement for abatement actions. Cooperated with Union and Lane Counties in establishing ordinances to solve problems in orderly manner.
Carry out state participation on federal flood control projects.	549.605) through) 549.645)	Willamette Bank Protection Data. Annual inspection and follow up, help form districts and acquire sponsorship requirements.
Coordinate Corps of Engineers' permits to work in or over navigable streams.	Federal Law	Processed 165 navigation permits in 1969 (a typical year).