Welcome!

Building Collaboration

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Lessons Learned: The Columbia River-Umatilla Solutions Taskforce

- Framing
- Neutral table
- Structured Process
- Interdependence
Framing

“Why not take advantage of the opportunity for farmers in the Umatilla basin to create needed jobs and boost Oregon’s rural economy, by allowing them to utilize a very small increment of additional water from the very large flows of the Columbia River?”
“Why should the agri-business industry be allowed to take even more water from the Columbia River when science clearly shows that water flows in the Columbia are already below levels needed to restore native fish?”
Framing

“Can we manage Columbia Basin water in new ways that would provide economic benefits from additional irrigation as well as improving ecological conditions for fish?”
Neutral Table

- Columbia River-Umatilla Solutions Taskforce (CRUST) established in spring 2012 to find mutually beneficial solutions.

- 20 Key stakeholders Convened by Governor and County Commissioner Dennis Doherty
Agreements

1. Develop Additional Storage Capacity
   - Aquifer Storage Project
   - Wallowa Dam Repair
   - Juniper Canyon
Agreements

2. **Improve Management of Existing Water**
   - Leasing WA water rights for mitigation
   - Pilot Water Transactions
   - Water Conservation investments
Agreements

3. Regional/Interstate Approach to Columbia River water
   - Agreement with State of Washington
   - Potential Joint Investments
   - Develop Oregon's institutional capacity
Compelling reasons that brought people to the table

- A tension and interdependency between competing water uses
- Increased demand: agriculture, domestic uses, eco-system uses
- Shortages due to increased demand, smaller supply
- Changes required
Framing

**Exercise**

Considering multiple interests and demands for water in your region, identify a change that you expect will need to happen and by whom.
Group Process