HB 3806 Deschutes Water Bank Pilot Authority



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Goals



- Restore streamflows and improve water quality
- Secure and maintain a reliable and affordable supply of water to sustain agriculture
- Secure and maintain a safe, affordable and high-quality water supply for urban communities

A HISTORY OF Working Together

Deschutes Basin Water Summit organized by State & Tribes





Upper Deschutes River







Unreliable Water for Agriculture



Growing Communities



Where water currently goes.....

Current distribution of water rights:



Where there are unmet needs....

Over the next 50 years, projected unmet needs:



*Since groundwater and surface water are interconnected, municipal needs are incorporated into unmet instream needs because water must be dedicated instream to mitigate for groundwater pumping.



Water Shortages: 135,000-350,000 AF

Water Supply Tool	Potential Supply (AF)
Water Conservation Infrastructure	~200,000
Voluntary Market-Based Transactions	~164,000

Water Banking Moving water around to meet needs



***Accountability & Transparency**

Local. Voluntary. Flexible.

Middle/Upper Deschutes River Water Rights

District	Priority
Swalley	1899
Central Oregon	1900 & 1907
Lone Pine	1900
Tumalo	1905
Arnold	1905
North Unit	1913
Deschutes River	1983



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- Authorizes specific pathways for water that align with basin goals
- Streamlines transactions
- Designed as a pilot to test and learn

