Oregon Water Data Portal Project Update

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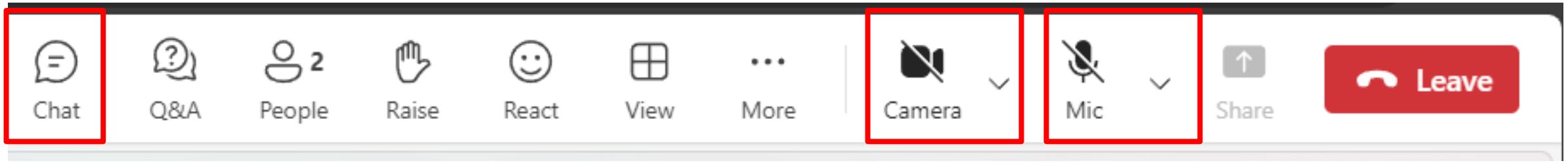
Agenda

- Review accomplishments
- Lessons learned event with Texas, New Mexico, and Idaho
- Pilot portal development
- Data priorities and themes
- Governance plan recommendations
- Next steps for the Oregon Water Data Portal



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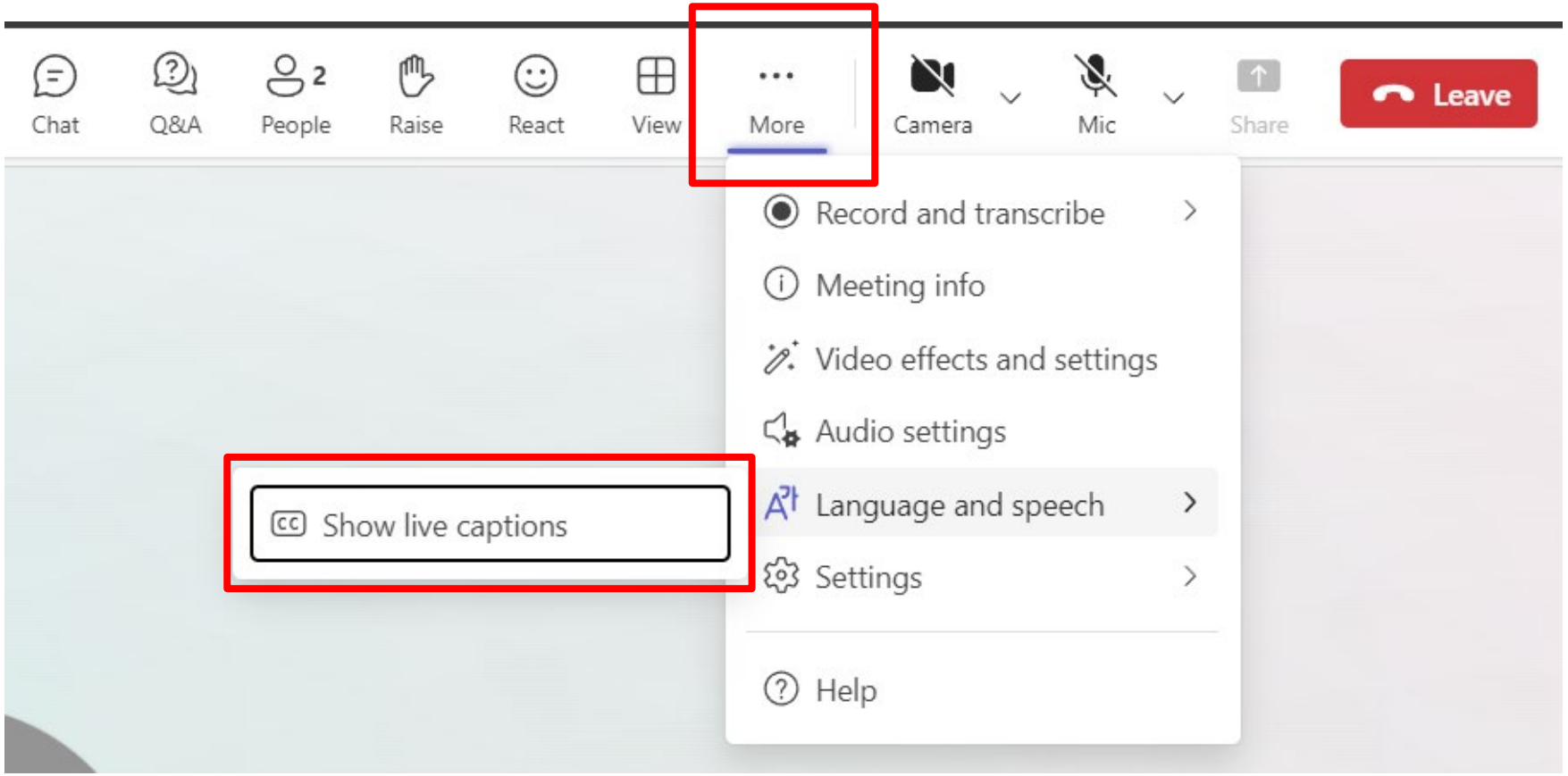

HB 5006 (2021) – Water Data

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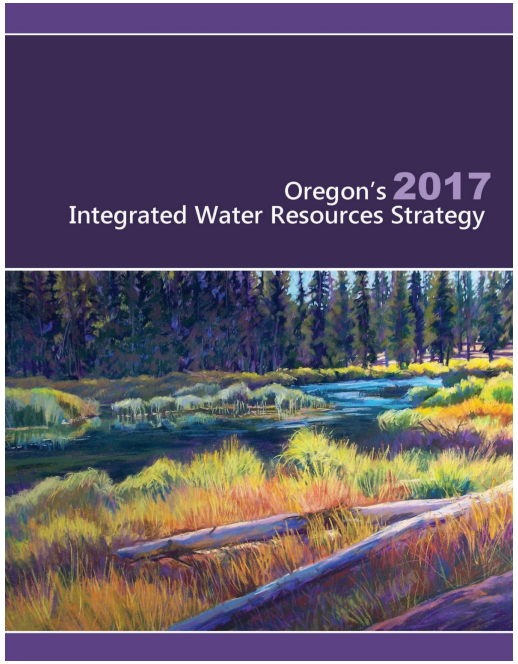
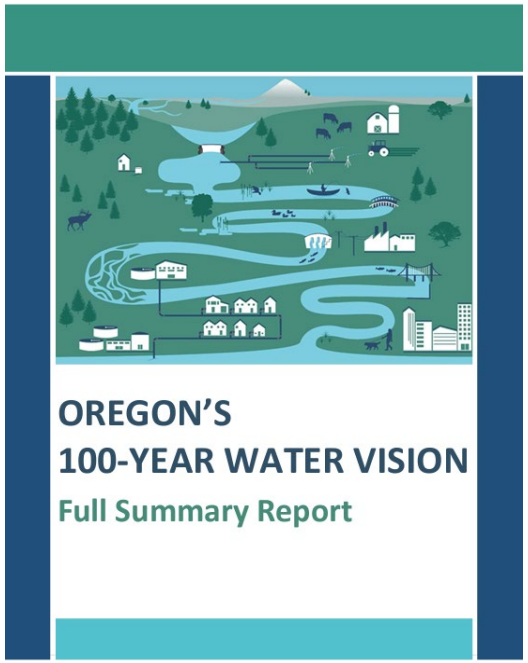
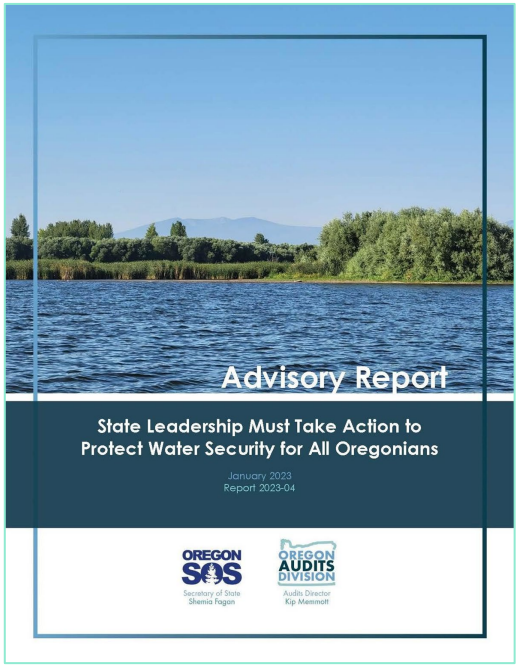
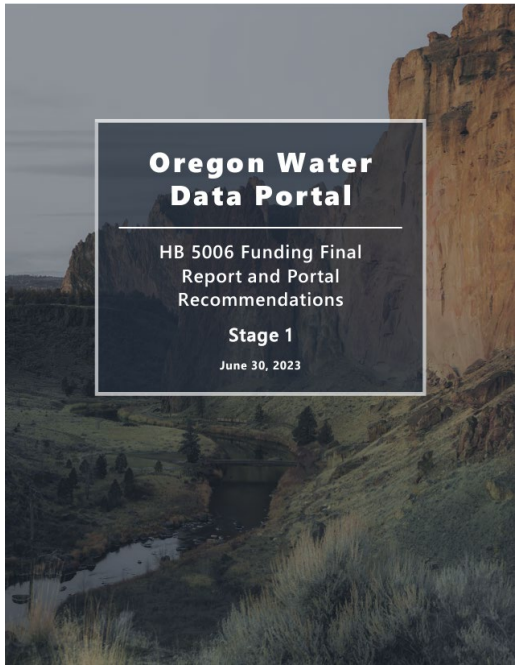






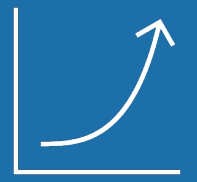


Oregon Water Data Portal - Project Phases

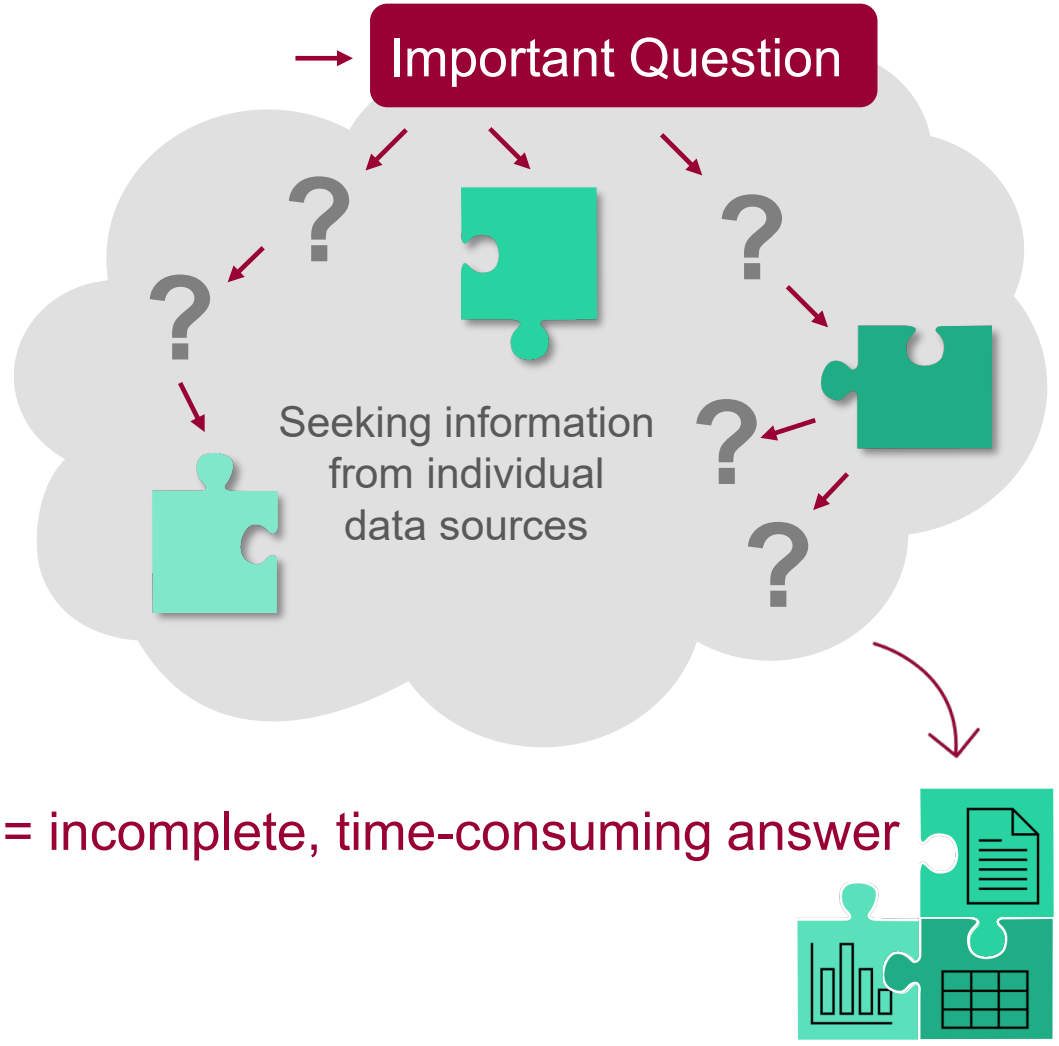
1 **July 2021 – June 2023** Plan project

2 **July 2023 – June 2025** Pilot project

3+ **July 2025 and future phases**
Agency data projects and establishing a portal based on the pilot portal



OWDP Vision: Efficient and Effective Information Accessibility



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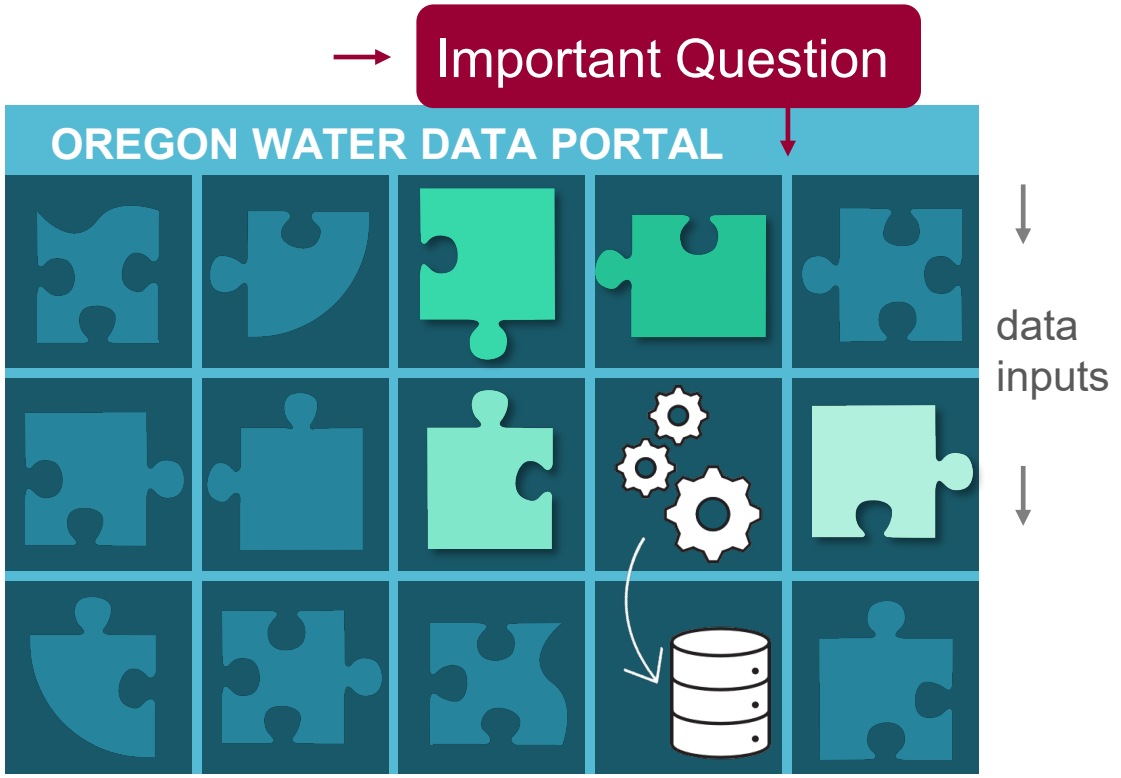

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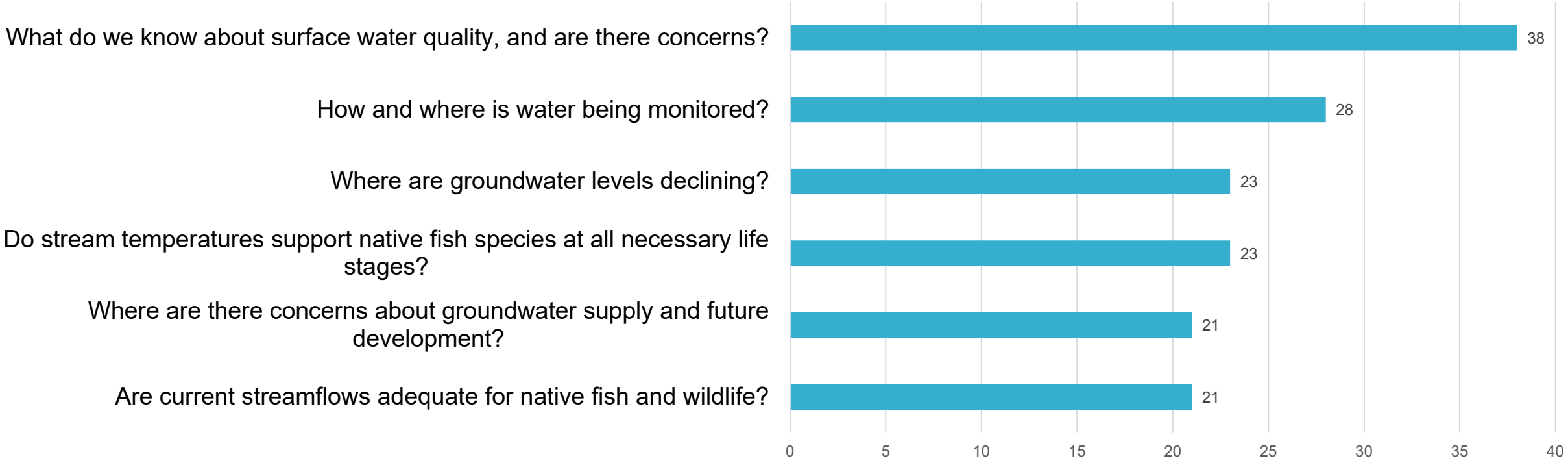
- **Efficient** for those asking questions
- **Effective** for finding legitimate answers
- **Modernize** agency processes & infrastructure

Statewide Collaboration

Water Data Portal Listening Sessions and Previous Engagement

- OWDP Listening sessions, 2022: Water Associations, Water Data, and Users Tribal Engagement
- Built on Water Data Technical Workshop, 2019 (Water Vision)
- Polls, breakout discussions, surveys: your questions and needs drive this portal

2022 Listening Session: Important Questions



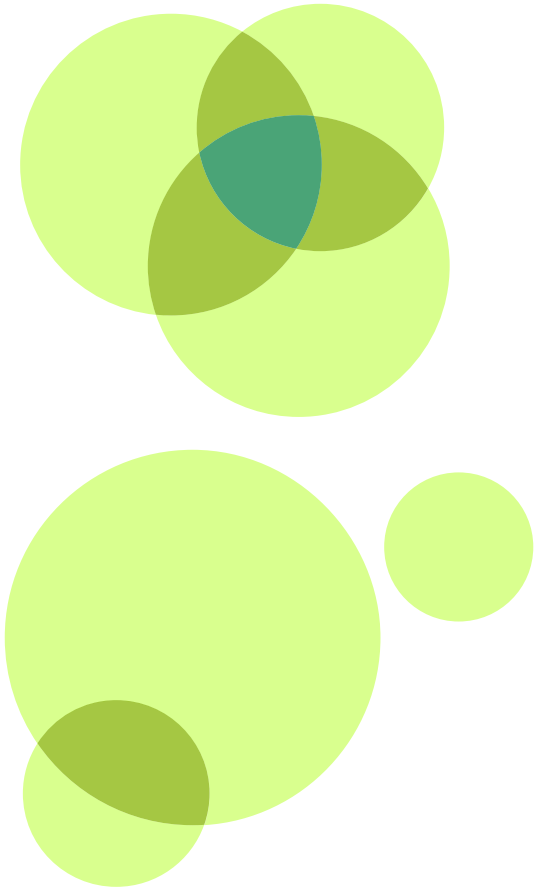
Oregon Water Data Portal report engagement summary page 41:
https://www.oregon.gov/deq/wq/Documents/OregonWaterDataPortal-FinalReport.pdf

Example Questions: State Datasets and Readiness

Question	Supporting data types	Data status	Ready for Data Portal?
Where have watershed restoration projects occurred?	Project inventory	Ready	Pilot portal ready
Where and when is water available for additional allocation? Allow prospective applicants to pre-screen major criteria.	Location-specific rules	Ready	Pilot portal ready, with limits
	Surface water availability	Available across most of the state	
	Groundwater level trends	Available but requires additional analysis	
	Groundwater connection to streams	Available but requires additional analysis	
What is the groundwater budget for my aquifer?	Water right allocations	Needs analysis and geographic association	Long-term project
	Groundwater recharge	In progress at basin scale	
	Aquifers and their budgets	Basin Assessments proposed to begin 2026	
		Processing reports from Groundwater Basin Studies (not underlying datasets)	
		Statewide aquifer budgets not yet planned	

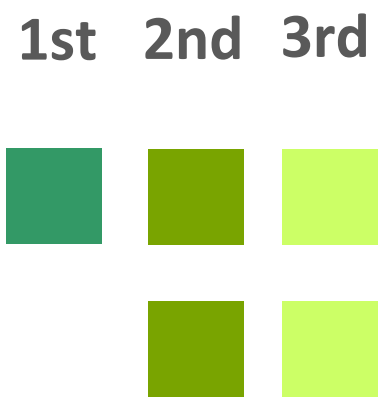
Identifying Gaps and Prioritizing Questions

Water Concerns and Questions



Agency Water Data Collected and Evaluated

Prioritize Questions



OWDP Identifies Gaps and Needs

Internet of Water Technology Adoption Program

- **What is TAP?**

  An in-situ training program to help public agencies modernize their water data through technological and organizational change.
- **TAP in Oregon**

  In April 2024 we held the second annual TAP workshop for the OWDP project.
- **Participants**

  Agency leadership, staff, and subject matter experts

  Representatives from New Mexico, Texas, and Idaho who shared lessons learned from similar projects

TAP Insights - Informal Dinner

Trust Building

Diverse Funding Strategies

Risk Of Inaction

TAP Insights - Portal Interface & Use Cases

Interface Flexibility

Graceful Degradation across Devices

Clear Communication of Data Limitations

Early Engagement with Tribal Nations

Integration of Dynamic User Feedback

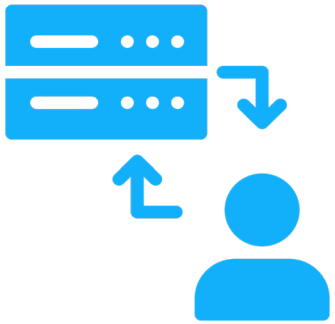
TAP Insights - Long-term Sustainability

Standardized Data Formats

Clear Governance Structures

Organizational & Cultural Change

Data Privacy & Security



User-Centered Design

TAP - Minimum Viable Product & Next Steps

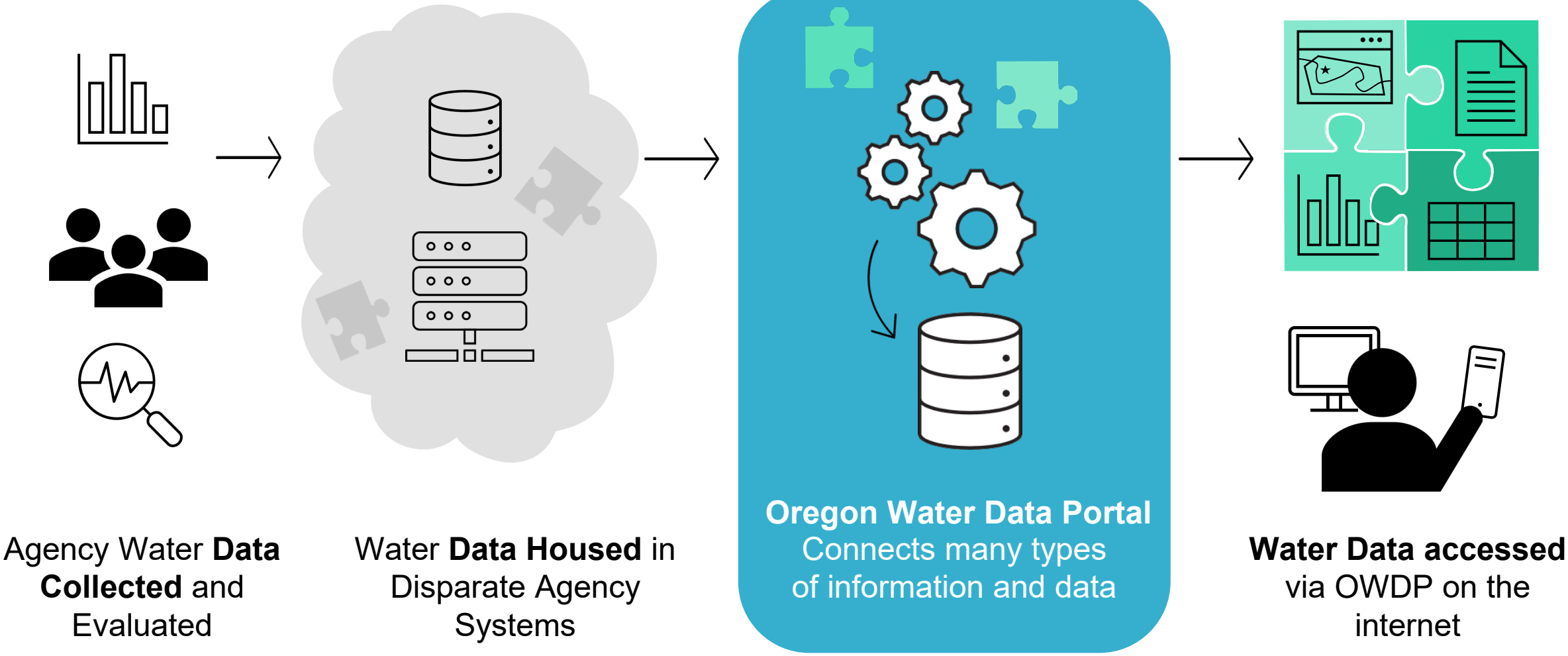
Minimum Viable Product: a pilot data portal that harvests continuous temperature data and other datasets from state agencies and:

1. Shows data in a single location
2. Allows users to download data in a machine-readable format

Immediate Next Steps:

1. Propose a governance structure for the OWDP implementation phase that specifies decision-making authority on each team.
2. Select two additional areas of focus for the pilot portal, identify relevant datasets, and assign readiness categories to each dataset.

Water Data Portals



Agency Water **Data Collected** and Evaluated

Water **Data Housed** in Disparate Agency Systems

Oregon Water Data Portal
Connects many types of information and data

Water Data accessed via OWDP on the internet

Pilot Portal Plan

Build the pilot portal website & infrastructure

Prepare “Seed” data

Preliminary data standardization and integration

Implementation
Aug – Nov 2024

Testing
Dec 2024

Available for Showcase
Jan 2025

Continued Improvement
Jan – June 2025

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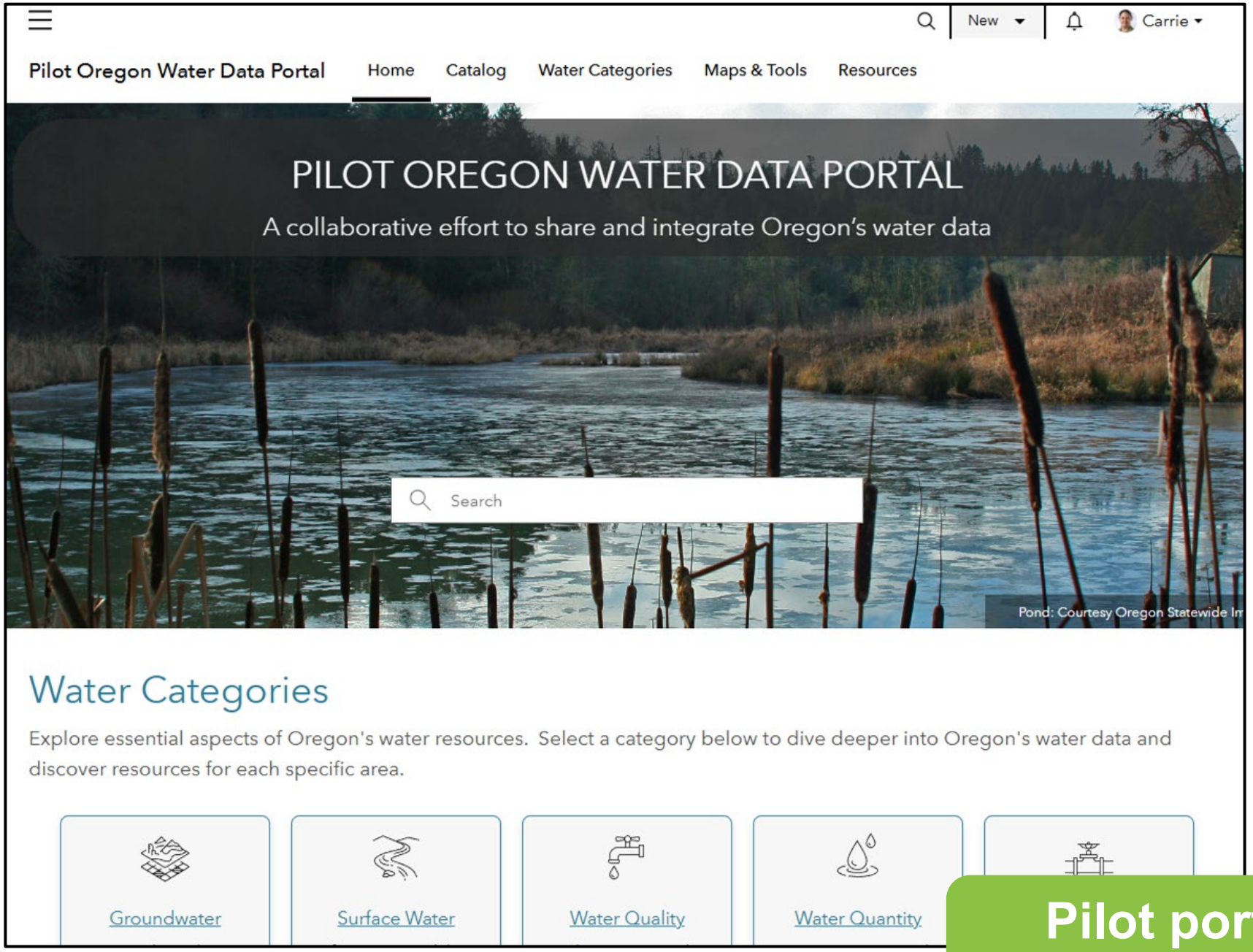

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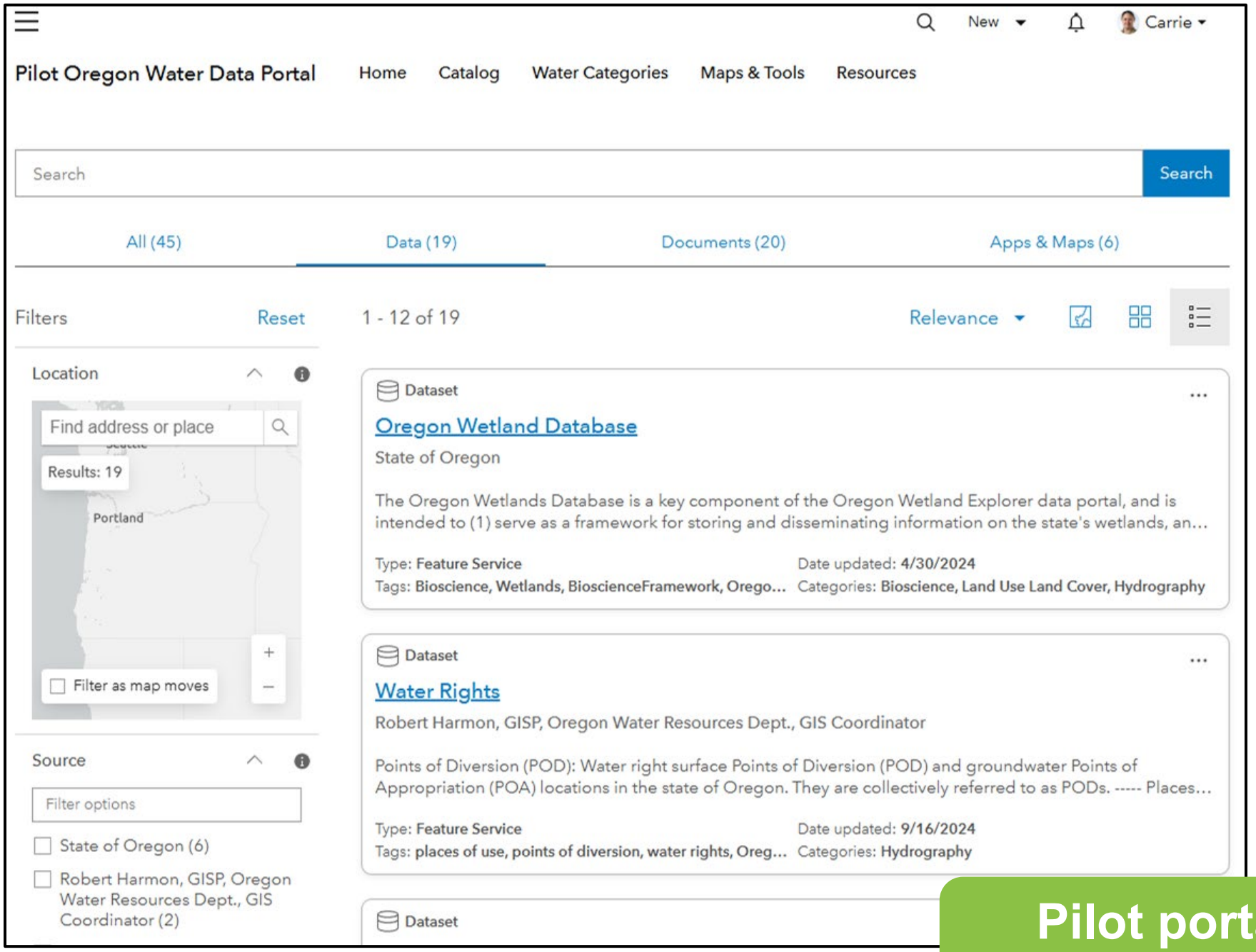

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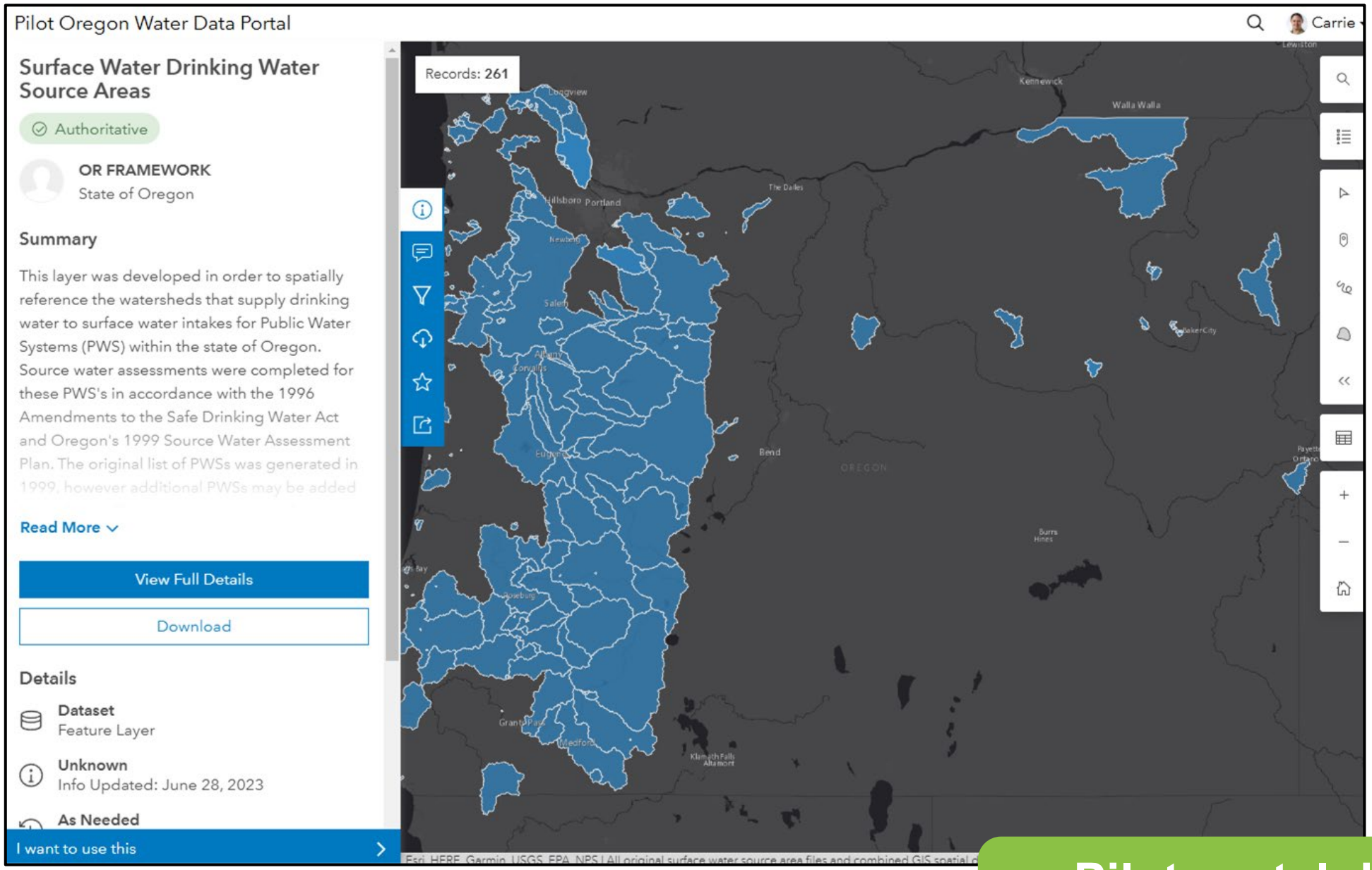

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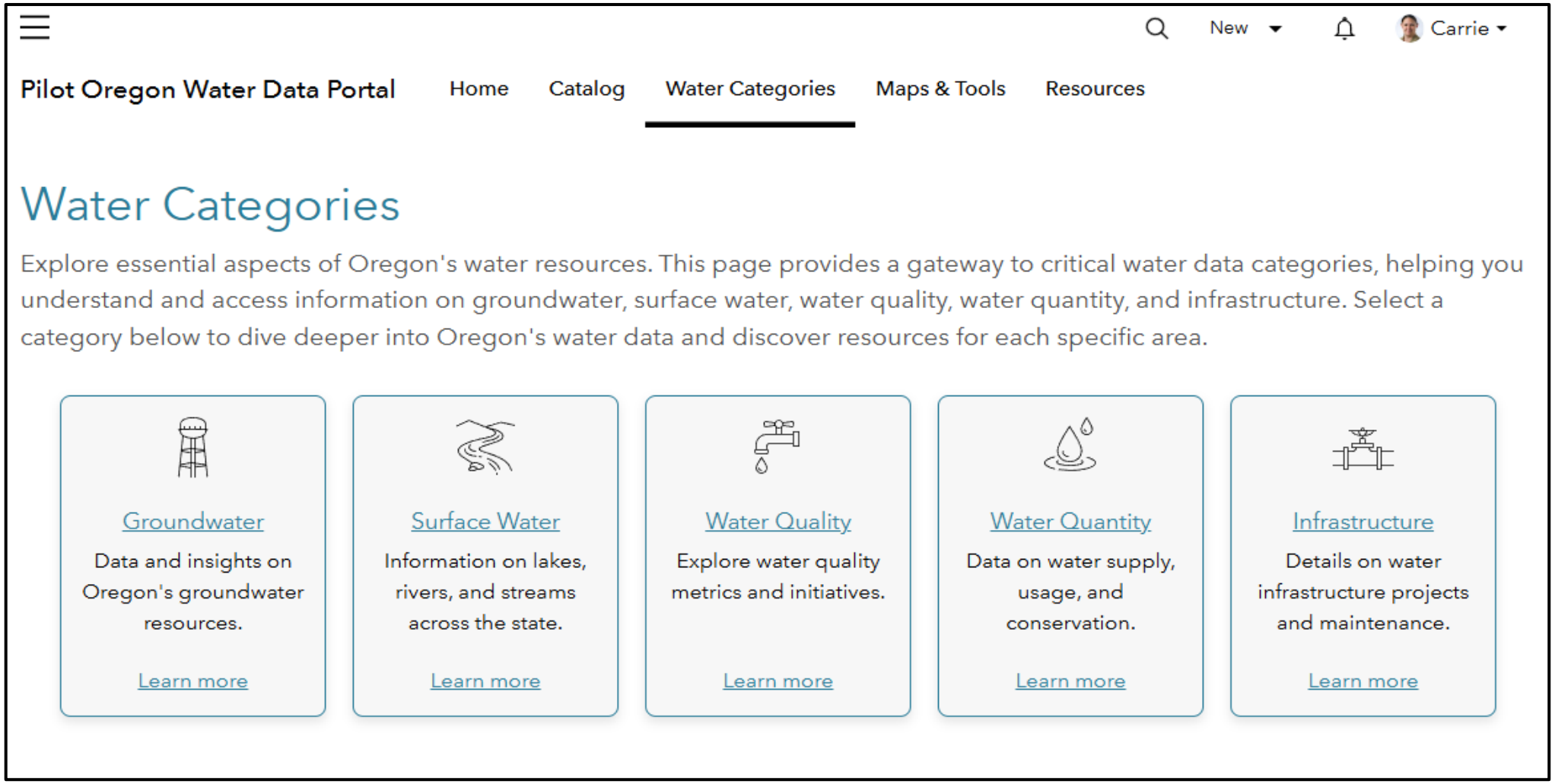

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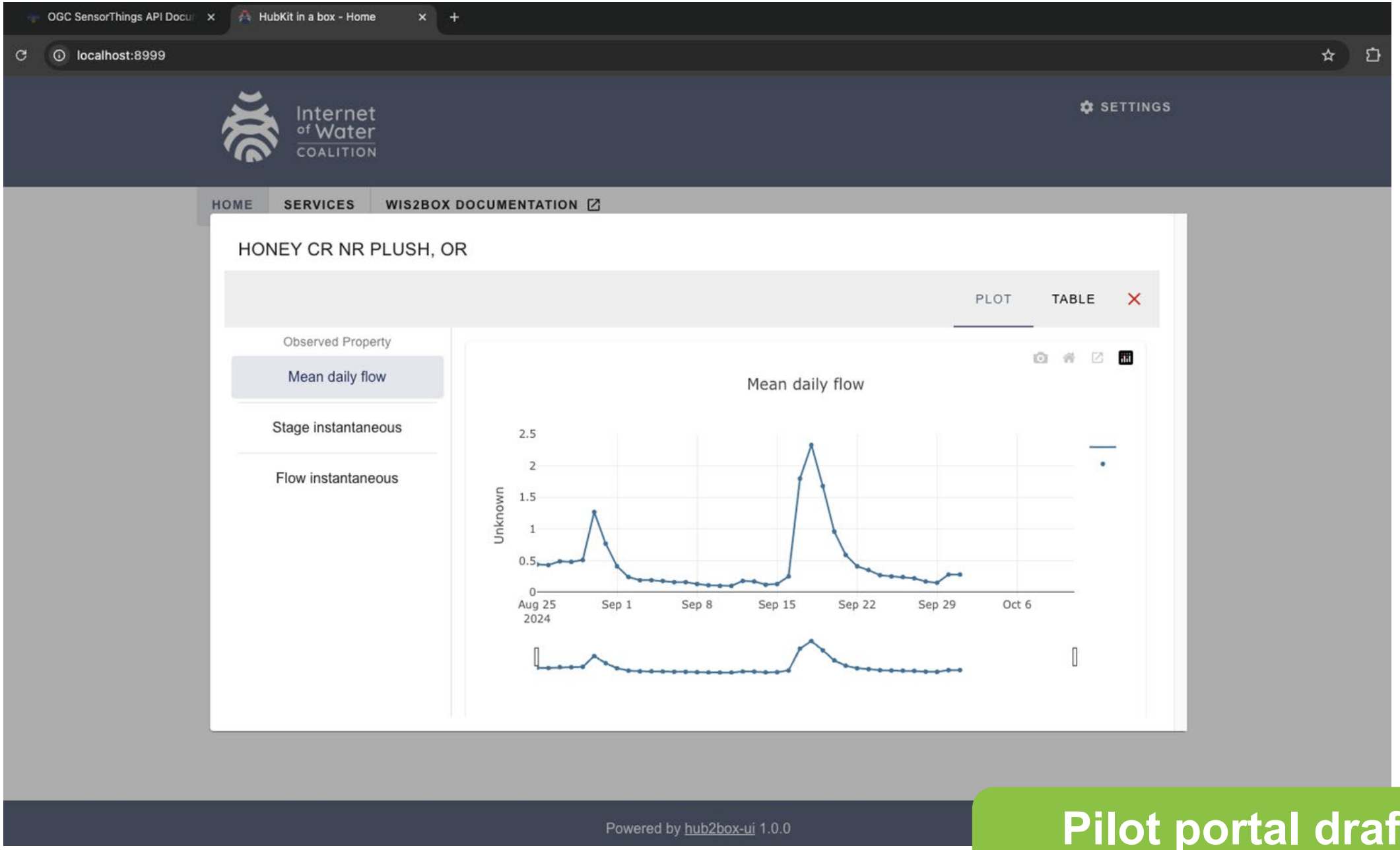

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What will the pilot portal include?

Current pilot content

- Surface water temperature data
- Foundational water datasets *(includes but not limited to)*
  - Watersheds and waterways
  - Management boundaries
  - Environmental features
- Includes data from 5 state agencies and the USGS

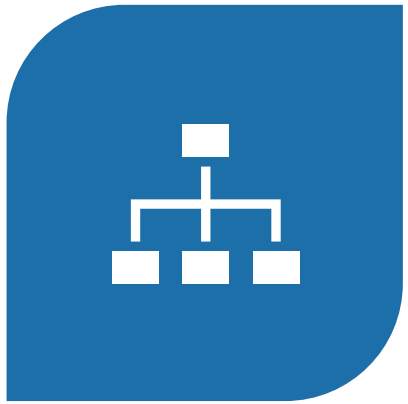
Potential future content

- Additional water quality parameters
- Water quantity data
- Water funding opportunities

The team is currently evaluating these data areas based on data availability and applicability to user needs

Current Governance Structure

Future Governance Plan



Project plan, structure, and oversight

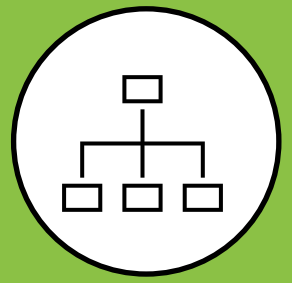
Engagement and feedback from portal users

Incorporating additional data sources along with Oregon data agency work

Taking us to the end of Phase 2

Develop legislative report

Complete and release pilot portal



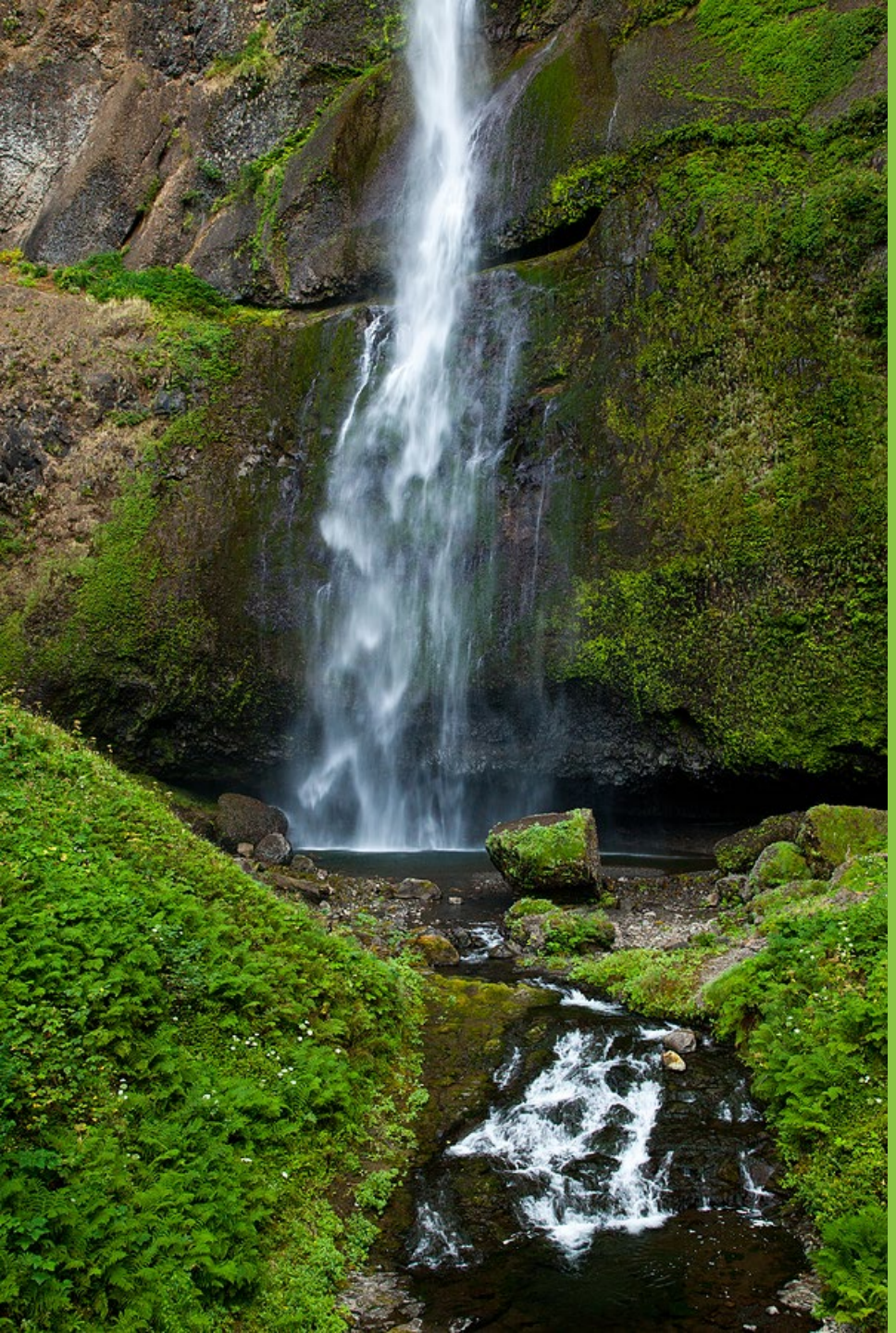
Refine the governance draft plan

Prepare for the next project team

Develop phase 3 project plan

Evaluate inventory of data sets

Questions?



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