# Scope of Work Framework

Morrow and Umatilla County Drinking Water Investigation

Steering Committee Meeting
April 11, 2024





### **Topics**

- Project Team
- Project Goals
- Approach
- SOW Framework
- Schedule

## **Project Team**





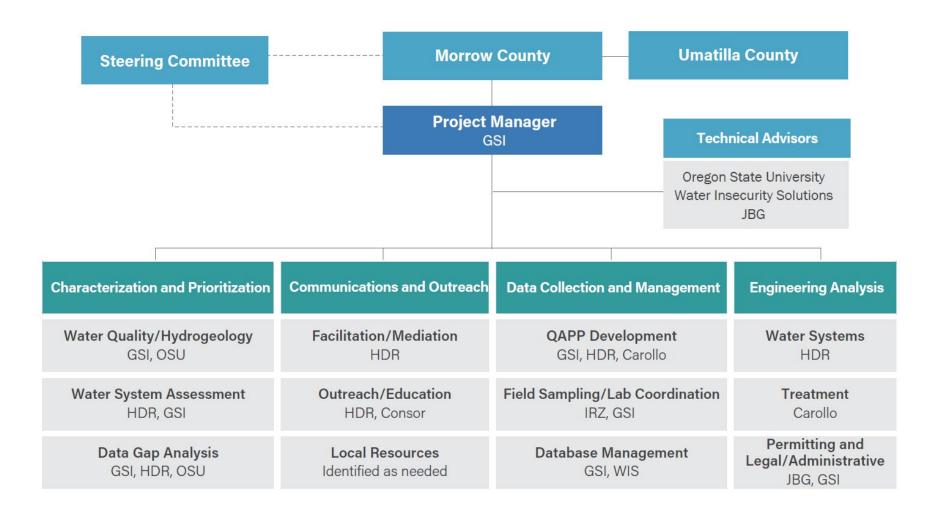












## **Congressionally Directed Spending Funds**

(Awarded under an EPA Research Grant)

"In partnership with Umatilla County, Morrow County seeks funds to help residents have greater access to clean drinking water. Domestic wells in the two counties contain nitrate concentrations that far exceed federal limits. The two counties are home to the largest Latinx populations in Oregon and several communities within the region have high poverty rates. The Counties seek funds for design and planning regarding possible extension of public water systems to areas currently relying on contaminated wells. Part of this work involves creating a comprehensive inventory of domestic wells, and testing the wells to determine which are most critical to bring into the public system. A map will also be created to facilitate the County's sharing of water quality test results with private well owners. This effort is in coordination with the State of Oregon."

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# Project Goals

- Improve understanding of extent of nitrate contamination
- Engage and educate domestic well users and community
- Develop an Action Plan to implement public water system connection and other alternatives

# **Objectives** of Approach

- Quick-start several assessment tasks
  - Characterize priority areas for connection
  - Develop non-connection options early in the project
- Leverage data management and communications for broader regional benefit
- Deliver collaboratively as a "Program Manager" for Counties and Steering Committee

## 4-Stage Approach to Meet Objectives

- Stage 1: Baseline assessment and prioritization
- Stage 2: Initial sampling and feasibility of public water system connection
- Stage 3: Follow-up sampling and feasibility of alternate drinking water options
- Stage 4: Development of a Drinking Water Action Plan

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# Stage 1 Q2-2024 - Q3 2024

- Review available water quality, hydrogeologic and well data
- Complete Data Management Workplan
- Complete Communications Workplan
- Assess existing PWS
- Develop Drinking Water Options
- Prioritize initial sampling
- Develop QAPP

#### Stage 2 Q3-2024 - Q2 2025

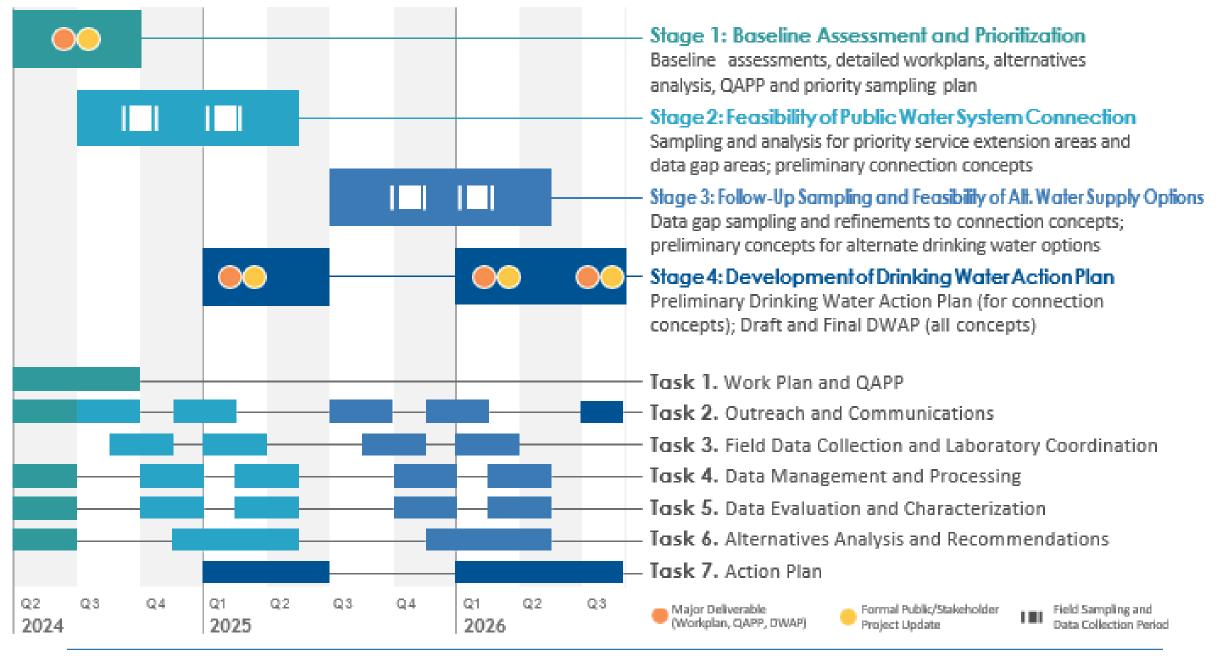
- Conduct outreach and education
- Sampling in PWS connection target areas
- Sampling in data gap target areas
- Complete feasibility analysis for PWS connection
- Complete conceptual design for PWS connection
- Complete implementation and data gaps review
- Conduct Steering Committee and stakeholder work session

# **Stage 3** Q3-2025 - Q2 2026

- Identify additional PWS connection areas
- Conduct follow-up sampling near extension areas and data gap areas
- Complete feasibility analysis for non-connection
- Complete conceptual design for PWS connection
- Complete implementation and data gaps review
- Conduct Steering Committee and stakeholder work session

# Stage 4 Q1 2024 - Q2 2025 Q1 2026 - Q3 2026

- Develop Drinking Water Action Plan (DWAP) for connection alternatives (Q2-2025)
  - Stakeholder/Public Project Update
- Develop DWAP (Ver. 2) incorporating data gaps and nonconnection options (Q2-2026)
  - Stakeholder/Public Project Update
- Final DWAP (Q3-2026)



Stage 1 Tasks  Assumed notice to proceed April 1, 2024 for Stage 1  • - Meeting/Workshop  • - Formal deliverable (report/document)	Apr 1 2024	Apr 15	Apr 29	May 13	May 27	Jun 10	Jun 24	Jul 8	Jul 22	Aug 5	Aug. 19	Sep 2	Sep 16	Sep 30
Task 1.1 Project Management														
1.1 – Project management and coordination; Project Mgmt.Plan														
1.2 - Bi-weekly updates		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
1.3 – Monthly invoice and progress report				•		•		•		•		•		
Task 1.2 Data Management Framework														
2.1 – Data Review Workshop	:		•											
2.2 - Follow-up Meetings and Data Transfer					•		•							
2.3 - Data Management Project Plan										•				
Task 1.3 Communications Framework														
3.1 – Communications Workshop with Steering Committee			•											
3.2 – Communications Workplan					<b>\</b>									
3.3 – Communications Materials; Participation in Outreach Events						•				•			•	
3.4 - Project Website and Public Comments Database							•				•			•
3.5 - Communications Training														

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Task 1.4 Data Review and Preliminary Characterization														
4.1 - Characterization References, Studies, and Data														
4.2 - Well Construction Data				•										
4.3 - Characterization and Assessment for Conceptual Model														
4.4 - Preliminary DWI Project Characterization Tech Memo												<b>♦</b>		
Task 1.5 Drinking Water Alternatives			-											
5.1 – Public Water Systems Data and Interviews						•		•						
5.2 - Options and Assessment for PWS Connection														
5.3 – Drinking Water Alternatives Workshop										•				
5.4 - Preliminary Drinking Water Alternatives Tech Memo												<b>♦</b>		
Task 1.6 Quality Assurance Project Plan														
6.1 - QAPP Outline														
6.2 – QAPP Agency Meetings						•		•						
6.3 – Draft QAPP (Stage 1); and 1-month agency review									<b>♦</b>					
6.4 - Laboratory and Field Team Coordination														
6.5 - Final QAPP (Stage 1)														•

## **Key Assumptions for Stage 1**

- Work can begin in early April 2024.
- Steering Committee and agency staff are available at approximate timing of meetings.
- Data sharing agreements and data transfers can occur in a timely manner to meet schedule.
- Agencies will be available to review Draft QAPP in a timely manner to meet schedule.
- All deliverables will be submitted as Draft for Stage 1; comments on the draft deliverables will be integrated into the Final DWAP in Stage 4.

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