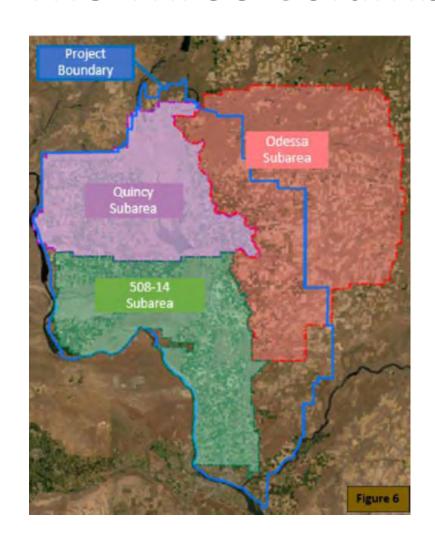
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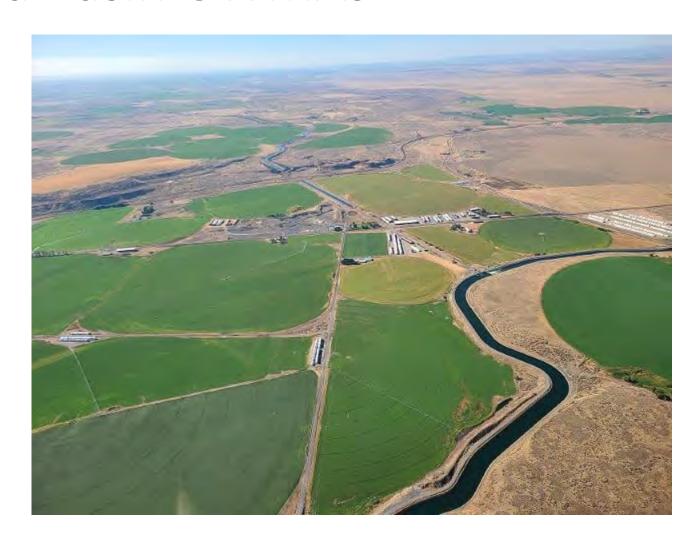
GWMAs of the Columbia Basin

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The Three Columbia Basin GWMAs





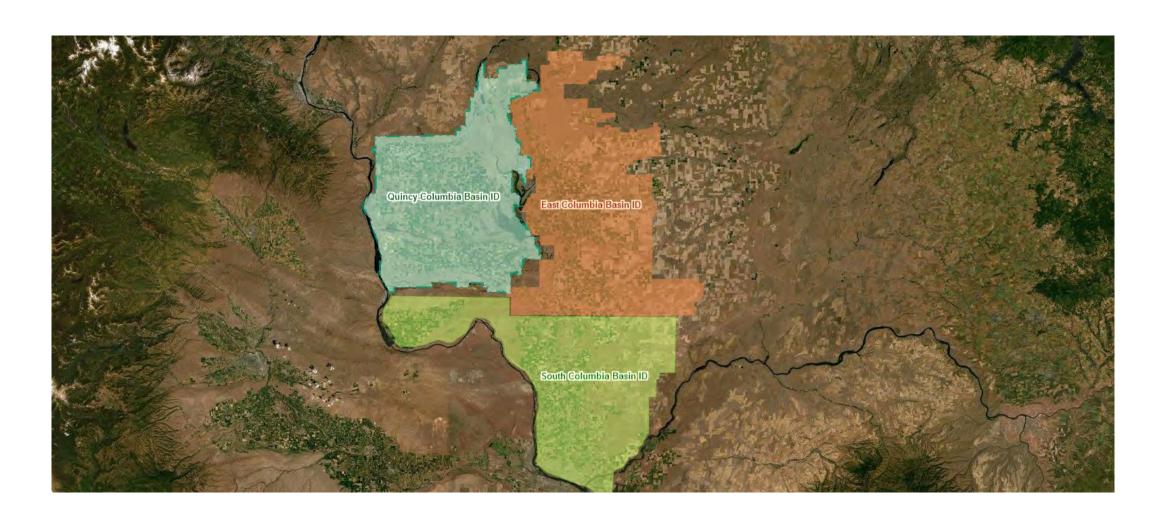
Columbia Basin Project



Columbia Basin Project Ecology Permits for: 720,000 acres



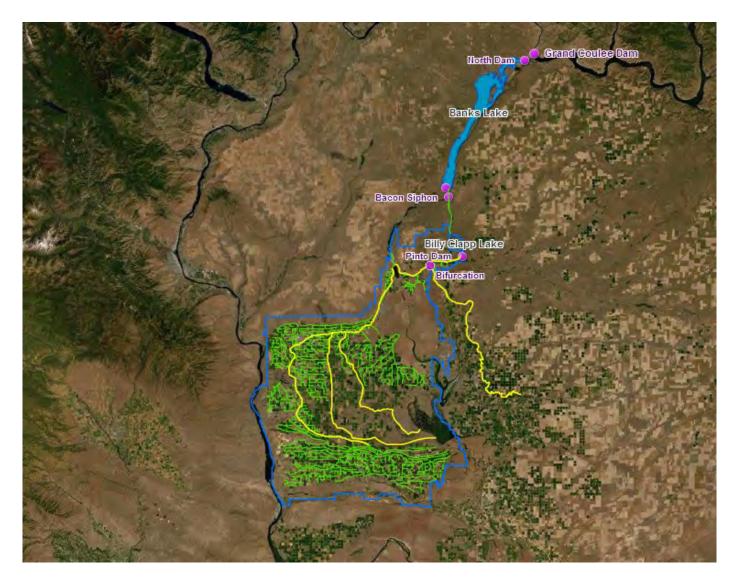
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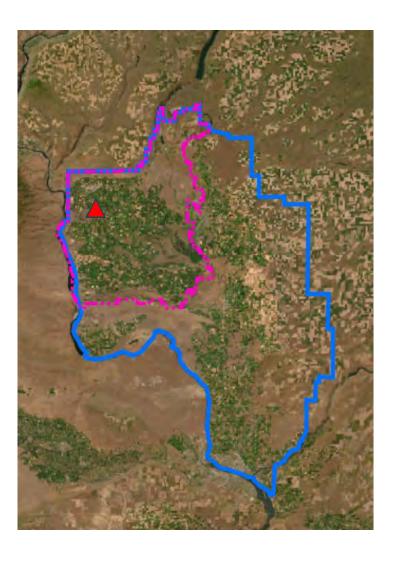
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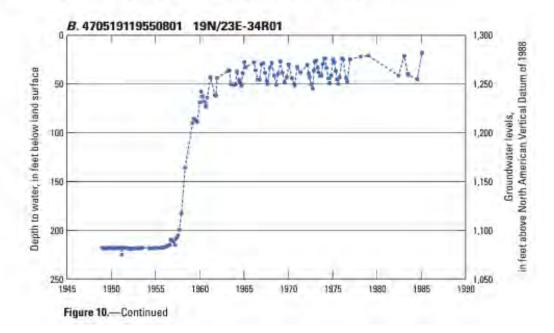
Canal



Quincy Basin



Simulation of Groundwater Storage Changes in the Quincy Basin, Washington



Whose Groundwater is It?

- Artificially Stored Groundwater (ASGW)
 - The Bureau intended to capture the irrigation return flows behind O'Sullivan Dam for use in the South District
- Natural or Public Groundwater
 - Farmers were drilling wells to tap the "new" resource
- These resources are "Commingled"



Quincy GWMA

1967 Ecology Put the Brakes on:

- WAC 508-14-020 curtails further groundwater development (1967)
- Ecology Order DE No. 67-3 establishing GWMA boundaries
- Ecology Order DE No. 67-4 establishing GWMA rules
- Ecology Lead Agency
- Technical committee: Bureau and Ecology and others
- MOU between Ecology, the Bureau and the QCBID

Permit Provision

 This permit authorizes withdrawal of public ground waters subject to a final determination as to the availability of public groundwaters determined from a comprehensive groundwater study scheduled for completion Dec 31, 1972.

Quincy GWMA Timeline

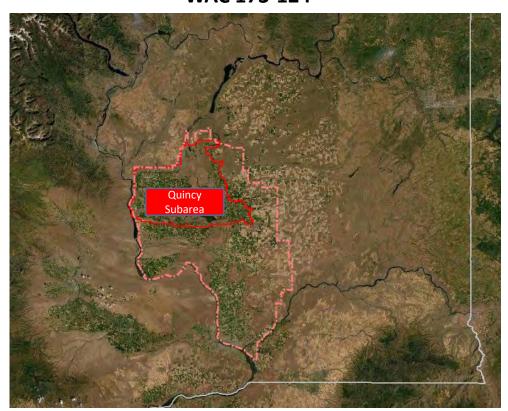
Timeline

- Jan 1973: WAC 173-124: Quincy Groundwater Management Subareas and Zones
- 1973: Bureau Declaration for ASGW (RCW 90.44.130)
- Jan 1975: WAC 173-134: Quincy Groundwater Management Policy
- Jan 1975: **DE No. 74-772**: Bureau Declaration of ASGW accepted by Ecology

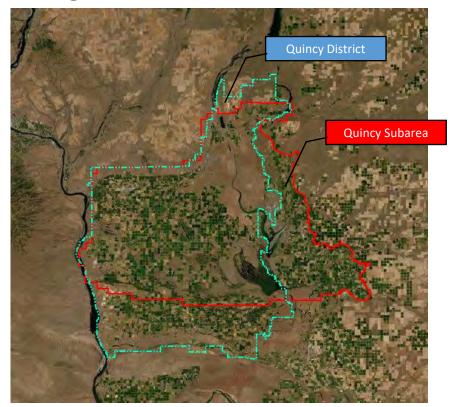
Quincy GWMA

State Designated Quincy Groundwater Management Sub Area

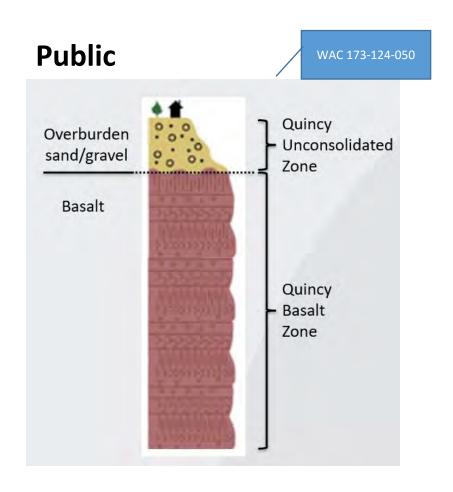
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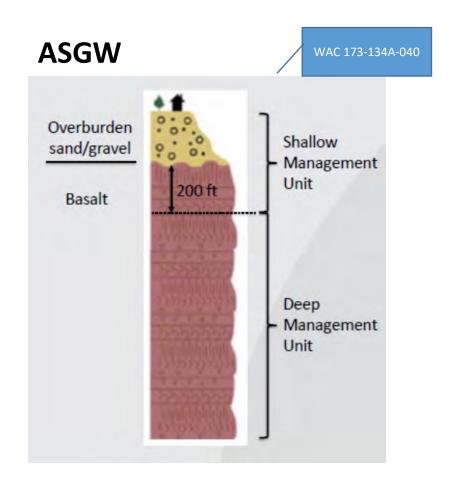


Irrigation District v. Subarea



Quincy GWMA Public versus Artificially Stored Groundwaters





Quincy GWMA Public Groundwaters

WAC 173-134A

Quincy Subarea



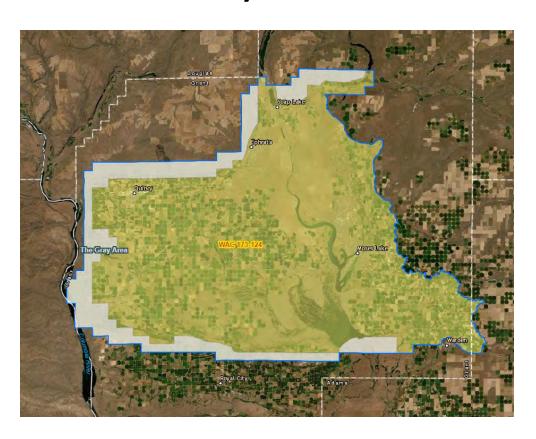
Public Groundwaters

- Within the Quincy Subarea (yellow and gray portion)
- Shallow Management Unit:
 58,000 AF
- Deep Management Unit: 97,901
 AF
- As of 1983, all public GW allocated

Quincy GWMA Federal Artificially Stored Groundwater

WAC 173-134A

Quincy Subarea

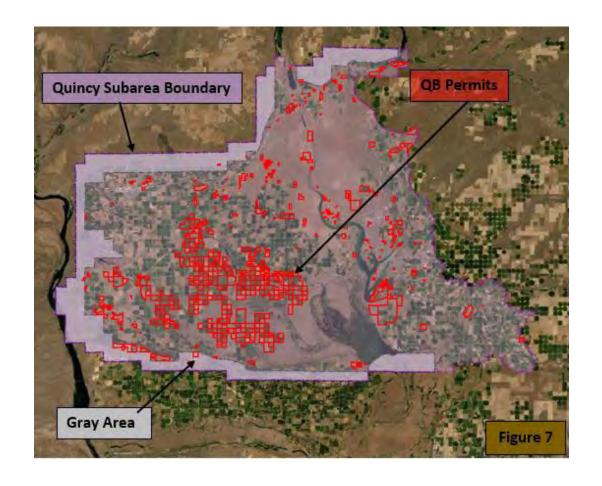


Federal Artificially Stored Groundwater

- Within the Quincy Subarea (yellow portion)
- 177,000 acre-ft of ASGW available for beneficial use
- Requires a Quincy Basin (QB) permit from Ecology
- Requires a water service contract (WSC) from the Bureau (about \$90/acre)
- Development schedule 3 years
- Water Duty 3.5 AF/acre
- Counts against federal (RRA) acreage limitation (0.543 to 1)

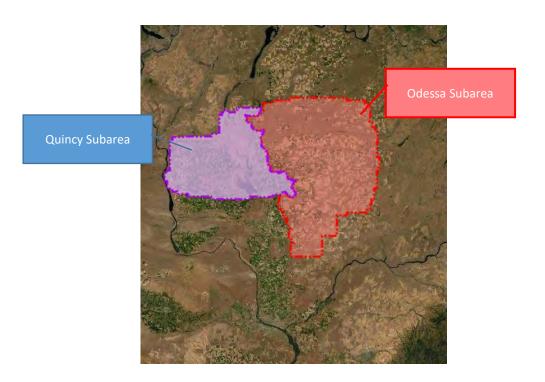
Quincy GWMA: QB Permits

- A permit written by Ecology for federal ASGW
- POU and POW can be changed
- Change application through Ecology
- Active secondary market

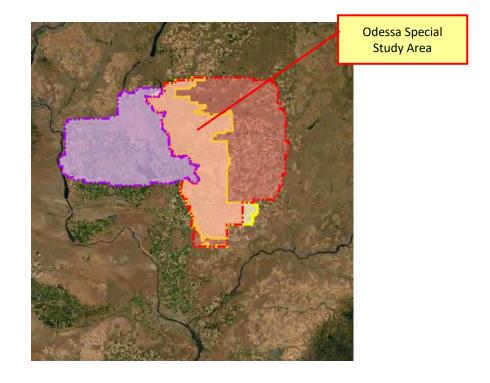


Odessa GWMA

Odessa Groundwater Management Subarea WAC 173-128A



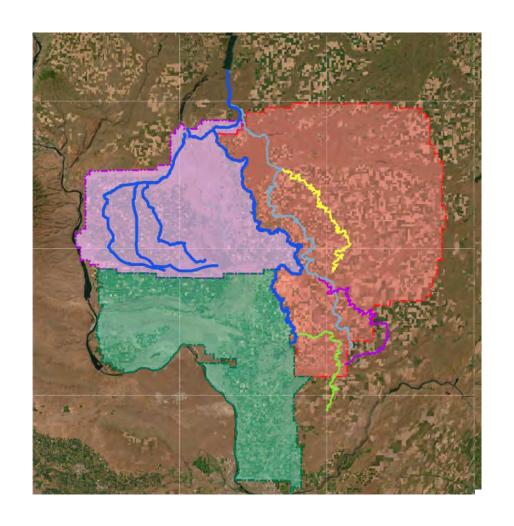
Odessa Special Study Area



Odessa GWMA – The East High Canal

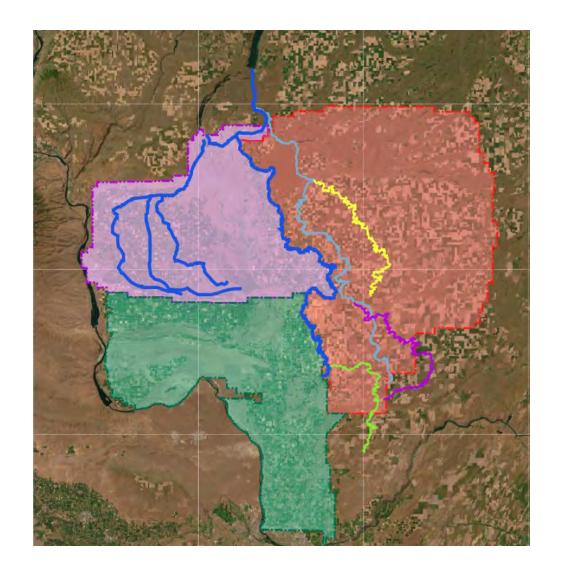
- Original Project 1,029,000 acres
- Current Project 720,000 acres



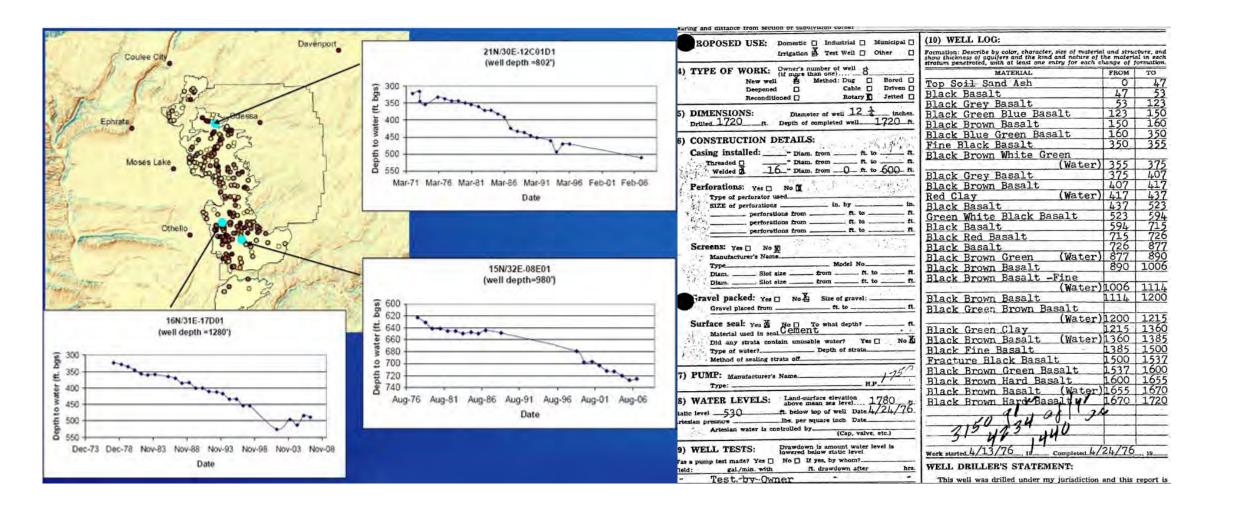


Odessa GWMA

 Ecology wrote groundwater permits in the Odessa Subarea with the understanding that federal surface water would eventually be supplied.



Odessa Groundwater



Odessa GWMA Timeline

1967 Ecology Put the Brakes on:

- WAC 508-14-010 curtails further groundwater development (1967)
- Ecology Order DE No. 72-25 establishing GWMA boundaries
- Ecology Order DE No. 73-32 establishing GWMA rules
- Ecology Lead Agency
- Technical committee: Bureau and Ecology and others

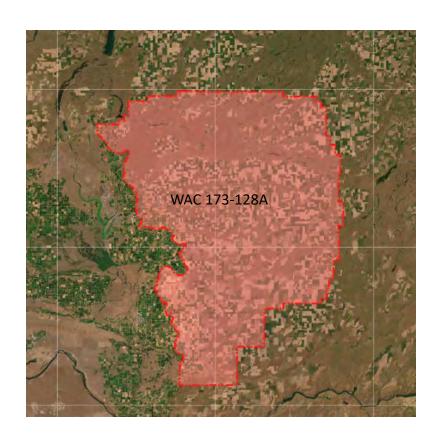
Timeline

- Jan 1974: WAC 173-128: Quincy Groundwater Management Subareas and Zones
- Jan 1974: WAC 173-130: Odessa Groundwater Management Policy

Odessa GWMA Rules

WAC 173-130A

Odessa Subarea

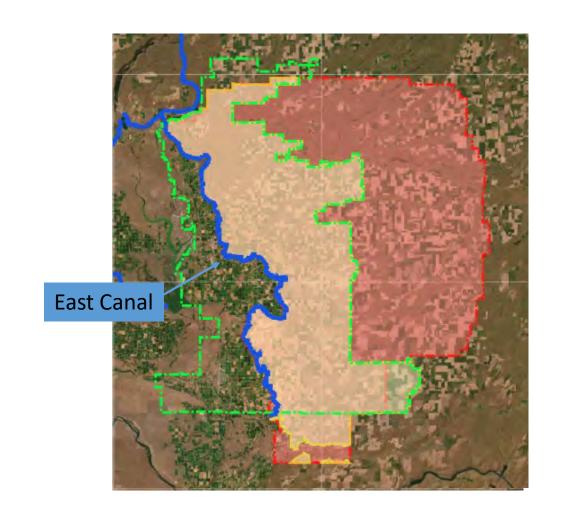


Rules

- Rate of decline in groundwater levels can not exceed 30 ft in 3 years
- Groundwater levels can not decline more that 300 ft from spring 1967 levels
- Water duty is not more than 2.5
 AF/acre

Odessa Groundwater Replacement

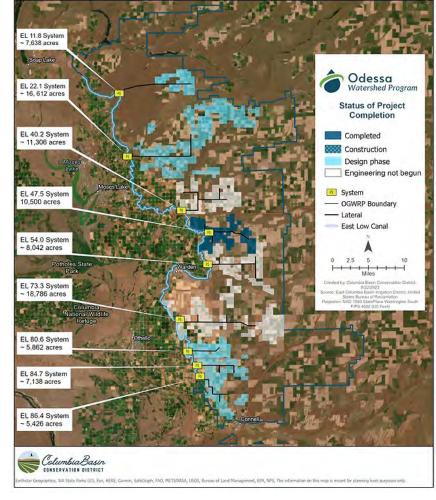
- 2004 Columbia River Initiative MOU Bureau, Ecology, Districts
- 2005 Federal Funding
- 2006 Office of Columbia River
- 2012 Odessa Special Study Area EIS
- Expand the East Canal and build laterals – a huge project
- Essentially a trade GW for SW
- 70,000 Acres of SW Contracts
- OGWRP is a joint federal-state initiative



OGWRP



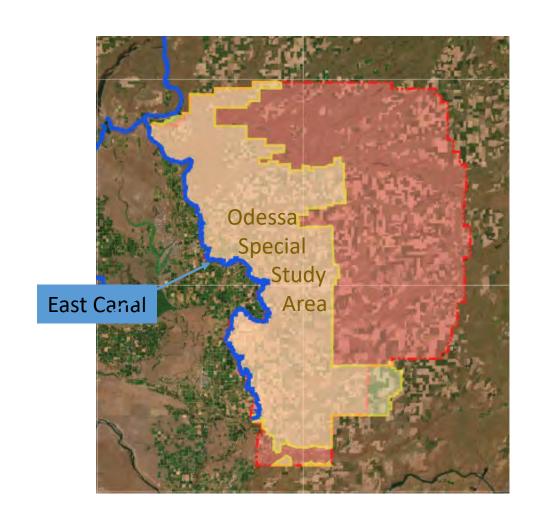
Odessa Groundwater Replacement Program (OGWRP)



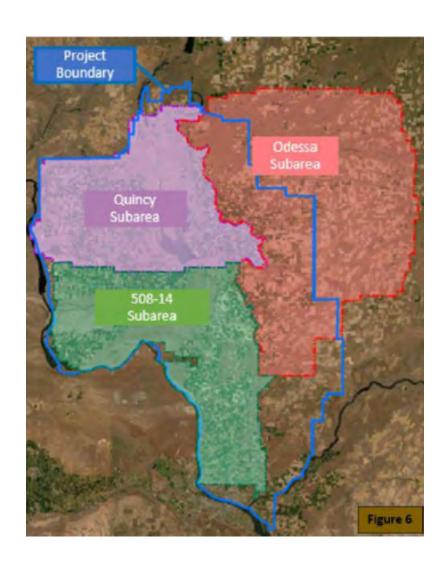
OGWRP Administration

Eligibility

- Must have a valid Ecology Odessa GW Permit to "trade"
- Must have access to a canal lateral in the Special Study Area
- Must enter into a contract with the ECBID
- Water Market
 - OGWRP In-fill
 - Permit holders without access to a lateral
 - Transfer to properties near laterals

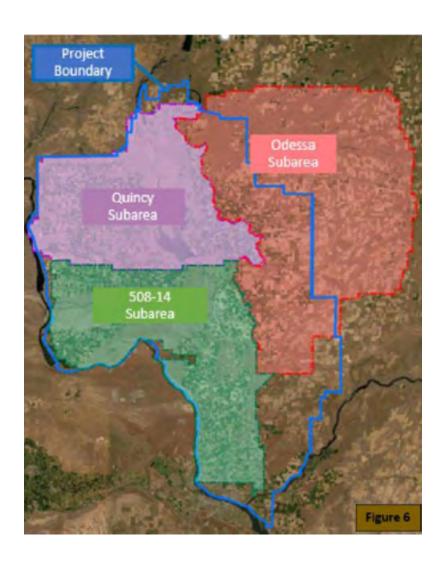


508-14 Subarea



- 1974 WAC 508-14-030
- 030(2)(a)...(applications) shall be received and permits issued ...however, all such permits shall be conditioned
- 030(2)(b) No certificates of water right as provided of in RCW 90.44.080... shall be issued ...until... a more definite determination can be reached as to the availability of public waters.

508-14 Subarea Artificially Stored GW



Senate Substitute Bill 5230

- Amended RCW 89.12.170
 - Made it easier for Ecology to enter into agreements with Bureau for ASGW
- Next Steps Ecology rule making
- Entities with an existing application may get consideration

Thank You

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Surface Water Farm Unit Allotments



Odessa Groundwater: Mitigation

- Ecology wrote groundwater permits in the Odessa Subarea with the understanding that federal surface water would eventually be supplied via the East High Canal
- Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6151 (sunset date of July 1, 2021)

