

# Governance Structure

**Advisory Committees**  
(Committees chaired by Board member, Committees meet as needed)

- On-the-Ground Projects
- Policy-Politics-Legal
- Regional/Bi-State
- Outreach-Education-Innovation
- Monitoring/Technical
- Implementation Areas (3)
  - Upper/Middle Touchet
  - Mill Creek/WW/CP
  - Lower WW/Touchet

**Water Management & Dispute Resolution**

- Implements WMI

7 Members **Basin Executive Committee** Meets 12/yr  
(Selected from Board)

- Directs staff
- Interacts with State/Fed Policy Makers
- Membership: Board Chair (1)  
Initiating Gov'ts (2)  
Imp. Areas (2)  
At-large (2)

12-15 Members **Basin Board** Meets 4/yr

- Sets policy
- Creates strategic & annual work plans
- Creates water management plan
- Develops budget/fundraising plan
- 1 Oregon ex-officio member
- General Membership  
Initiating Gov'ts + CTUIR (5)  
Imp. Areas (3)  
At-large (4-7)

## Governance Functions

- Leadership and vision**
  - Go to group
  - Basin-wide strategy
  - Represent basin interests
  - Seek resolutions of bi-state issues
  - Provide forum, process, leadership
  - Protect Public interest
  - Recognize accomplishments
- Support implementation**
  - Seek funding
  - Prioritize, endorse projects proposal
  - Provide guidance, oversight, monitoring
  - Have and use bonding capacity – NEW
  - Protect against financial liability – NEW
- Provide direction for water management – NEW**
  - Adopt, implement WMI policies – NEW
  - Provide dispute resolution – NEW
  - Protect against legal liability – NEW
- Explore new opportunities/innovation – NEW**

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# Operations Structure

**Partnership** Meets 2/yr  
(Public Involvement)

- Broad base of organizations and governments
- Quasi-governmental
- Membership requires:
  - plan literacy
  - \$ and/or in-kind
- Meetings:
  - SP—establish water budget
  - FALL—“imp. harvest party”
- Participate in committees

**Staff**  
(Directed by the Exec. Committee)

To-Be-Determined

**WMI Staff**  
(To be added as needed to implement WMI)

To-Be-Determined

## Operations Functions

- Coordinate interests and activities**
  - Hub for projects, policy, education, science
  - Engage in-basin and out-of-basin interests
- Integrate science, projects, policy**
  - Monitoring and adaptive management
  - Assess projects, research proposals
  - Track, report on projects, results
  - Report on conditions, trends
  - Anticipate/prepare for changes in basin conditions
- Inform, engage public**
- Support financial, legal management**
- Water management – NEW**
  - Manage agreements between water users – NEW
  - Manage a Water Bank – NEW
  - Enable water transfers/other measures – NEW
  - Ensure restored stream flows remain instream – NEW
  - Engage in water-related economic development - NEW
- Test new opportunities/innovation – NEW**